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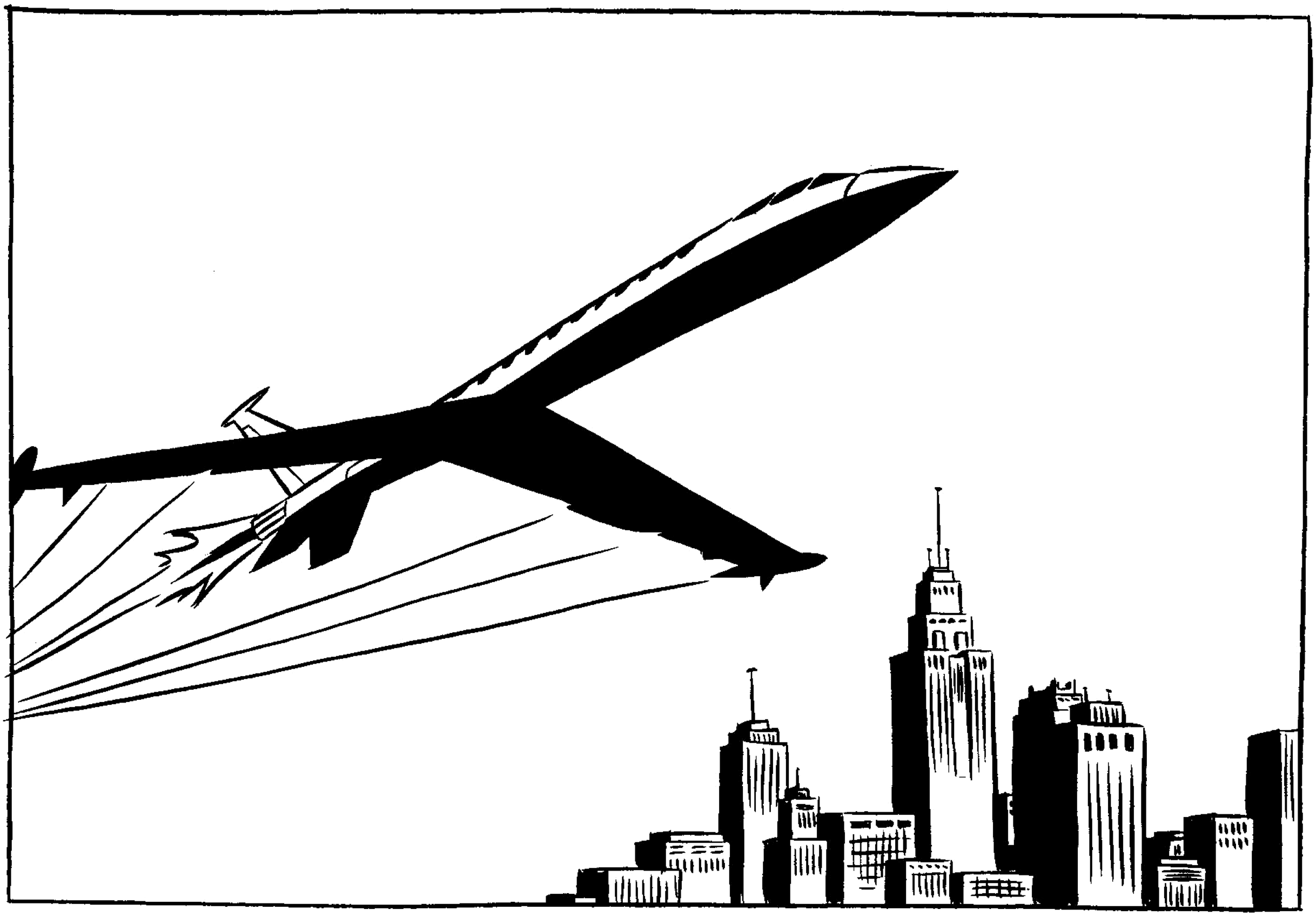
IT IS THE FUTURE....
....THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW, THOUGH PERHAPS NOT AS DIFFERENT AS YOU'D EXPECT.

FOR THE AVERAGE JOE, THINGS DON'T SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED MUCH. THEY STILL EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, AND WATCH TELEVISION. AND THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THOSE PLUSH OFFICES WHERE PEOPLE WEAR COATS AND TIES.

IF YOU'RE NOT ON OF THE WELL-DRESSED MINORITY, THE ODDS ARE YOU'RE EITHER WORKING AT THE LIQUOR STORE OR ELSE YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED. THE FACT THAT MAN CAN TRAVEL AMONG THE STARS IS OF LITTLE CONCERN TO YOU.



IN THIS DAY, A SMALL HANDFUL OF LARGE CORPORATIONS CONTROL NEARLY EVERY BUSINESS ON EARTH. THE ROCKETS YOU SEE OVER YOUR HEAD ARE MOST LIKELY ON THEIR WAY TO ONE OF EARTH'S MANY INTERPLANETARY MANUFACTURING SITES.

MANUFACTURING ON OTHER WORLDS IS NOW A COMMON PRACTICE. WHEN A SUITABLE PLANET WAS FOUND, LAND WAS CLEARED, FACTORIES WERE BUILT, AND THE NATIVES WERE RECRUITED TO WORK IN THE PLANTS.

SOME OF THE CREATURES JUST WENT ALONG WITH IT....

...OTHERS DID NOT....

...BUT WITH A LITTLE PERSUASION, THEY ALWAYS CAME AROUND TO THE EARTHMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

ONE SUCH PLANET WAS **ANUBIA**. WITH TERRAIN AND CLIMATE NOT DISSIMILAR TO EARTH'S, THE CANINE-LIKE NATIVES WORKED ON LARGE FARMS, CULTIVATING THE WORLD'S FRUITS, VEGETABLES, NUTS AND GRAINS.

MUCH TO THE EARTHMAN'S DELIGHT, THEY FOUND THE ANUBIANS WERE QUITE CAPABLE OF RUNNING THINGS BY THEMSELVES. EVENTUALLY, THE ONLY MEN THAT CAME BY WERE "TRUCKERS" IN SPACE TRANSPORTERS, AND YOUR OCCASIONAL BANK INSPECTOR.

IT HAD BEEN SEVERAL GENERATIONS SINCE THE CONQUERING. NOW THERE WERE THOSE WHO LOOKED WITH AWE AT MAN'S INVENTIONS. THIS YOUNG COUPLE THINKS IT MIGHT BE NICE TO RAISE THEIR NEWBORN SON IN THE PLACE WHERE THESE STRANGE THINGS COME FROM.

AND SO IT WAS THAT GEORGE AND MERIDITH FANG DECIDED TO MAKE THE BIG MOVE TO EARTH. THEIR YOUNG SON, ARTHUR, WOULD NOT SEE THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH UNTIL A GOOD MANY YEARS LATER....

...WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR STORY.....

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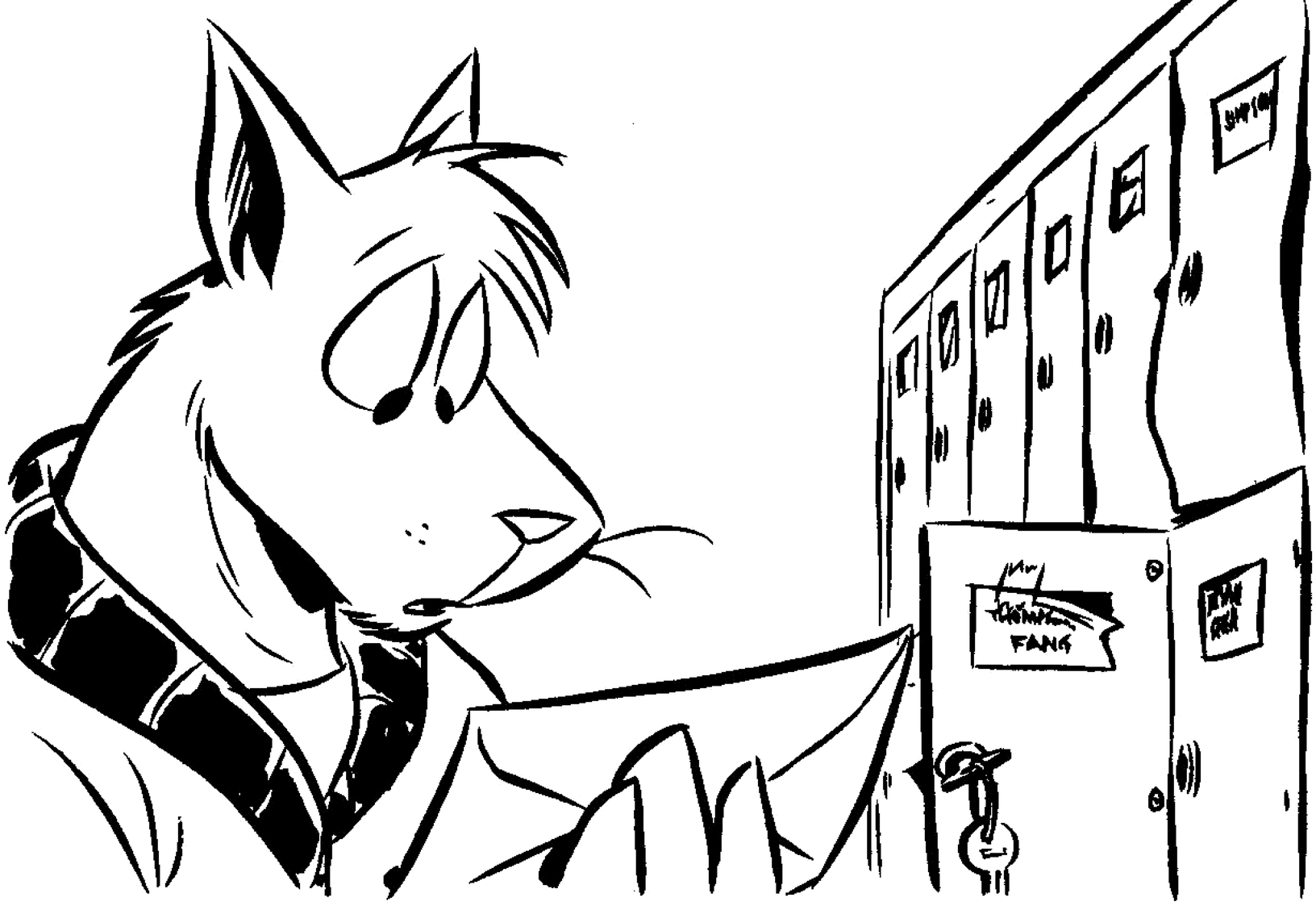
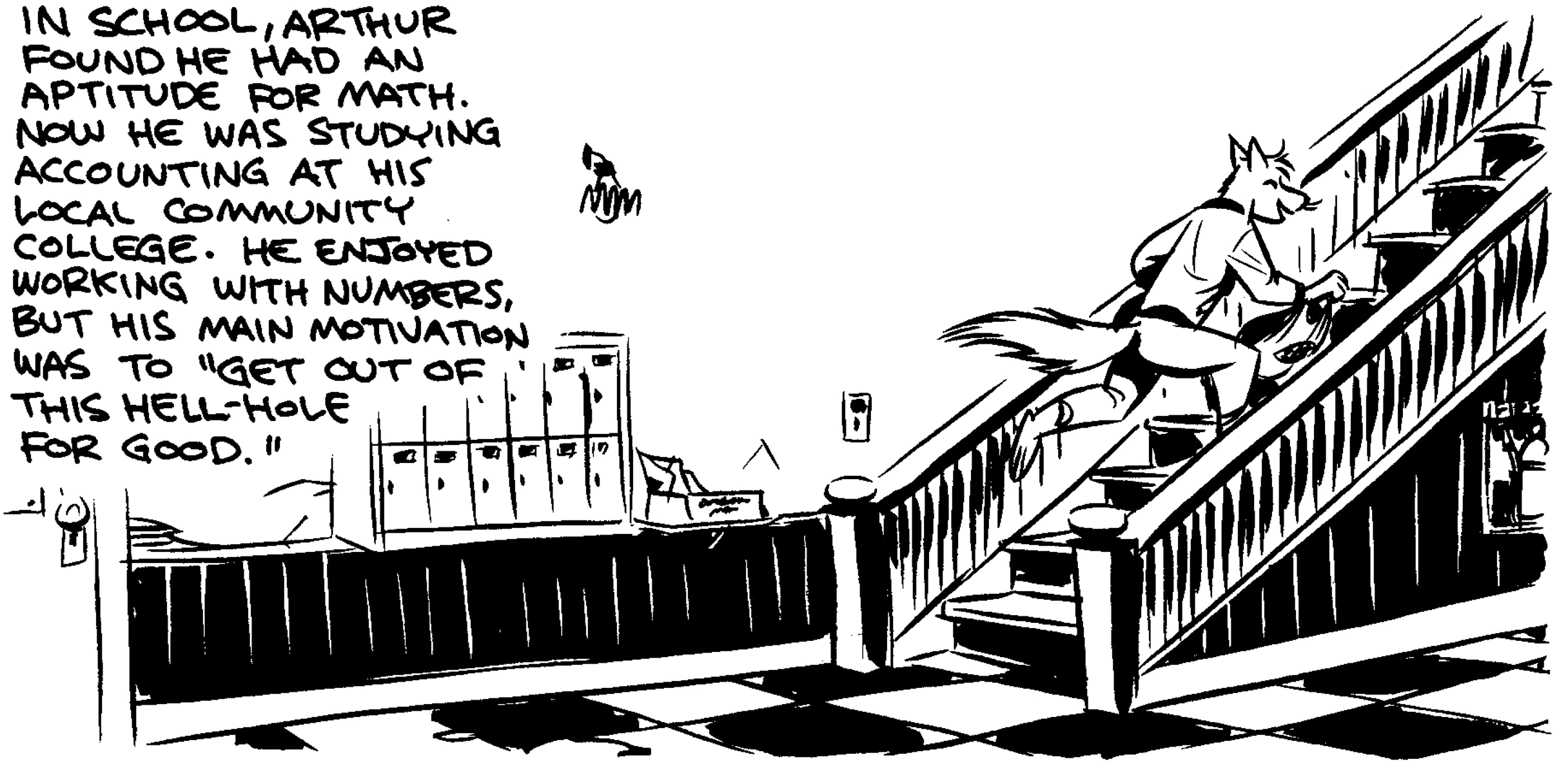
THE SCENE IS NOW DETROIT, TWENTY-TWO YEARS LATER. MOST EARTH PEOPLE VIEWED ANUBIANS AS SAVAGE, PRIMITIVE CREATURES, AND THE FANG FAMILY HAD OFTEN MET WITH HOSTILITY. ARTHUR'S PARENTS HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO THEIR NATIVE PLANET.



ARTHUR, LIKE SO MANY PEOPLE, WAS ON WELFARE. HIS PARENTS HAD LEFT HIM A SMALL SAVINGS ACCOUNT. BUT HE WANTED TO BETTER HIS LOT. AND HE WANTED TO GET OUT OF DETROIT.

IN SCHOOL, ARTHUR FOUND HE HAD AN APTITUDE FOR MATH. NOW HE WAS STUDYING ACCOUNTING AT HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE ENJOYED WORKING WITH NUMBERS, BUT HIS MAIN MOTIVATION WAS TO "GET OUT OF THIS HELL-HOLE FOR GOOD."



KATE!

KATE, I'M BACK! I THINK I MAY HAVE GOOD NEWS!

SOMETIMES GOOD THINGS HAPPENED TO ARTHUR. ONE OF THE NICEST WAS WHEN HE MET KATY THOMPSON, HIS ROOMMATE AND LOVER....

OH, KATE! LOOK WHAT CAME IN THE MAIL!

WHAT? WHAT CAME? SLOW DOWN!

KATE WAS OLDER THAN ARTHUR. IN EARLIER YEARS, SHE HAD BEEN THROUGH TWO UNHAPPY MARRIAGES....

NOW, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE, LOVE?

IT'S FROM A BIG COMPANY'S ACCOUNTING DIVISION! REMEMBER I SENT THEM MY RESUME? I MAY HAVE A JOB!

I HATE TO BE THE ONE TO TELL YOU, BUT THIS LETTER IS FOR AN "ARTHUR FINE" NOT "FANG"....

THAT IS ME... I JUST THOUGHT "FINE" SOUNDED A LITTLE LESS.... UM.... ...DOG-LIKE.....

OH, ARTHUR... THEY'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT EVENTUALLY, WON'T THEY?

I MEAN, IF THEY WOULDN'T HIRE YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR SPECIES, YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO WORK FOR 'EM ANYWAYS....

WO-OW!

WHAT DO THEY SAY?

THEY WANT ME TO COME TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR AN INTERVIEW! THIS IS **FANTASTIC!**

THAT'S GREAT... ...BUT GETTING AN INTERVIEW DOESN'T MEAN YOU GOT A JOB... 'SIDES, HOW YOU GONNA GET TO SAN FRANCISCO?

I'LL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE, SWEETS! I GOTTA RUN A FEW ERRANDS!

SMACK!

'BYE, NOW!

OVERJOYED AND DETERMINED TO GET THAT JOB, ARTHUR HAD WITHDRAWN ALL HIS SAVINGS AND INVESTED IT IN TWO THINGS. THE FIRST WAS AN AIRLINE TICKET....

J.C. WEGGY'S

....THE SECOND WAS A SUIT.

OF COURSE THE SUIT HAD TO BE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED.... ...A HOLE WAS CUT IN THE PANTS FOR HIS TAIL, AND EAR HOLES IN THE HAT. KATE GAVE HIM A HAND WITH THE HABERDASHERY...

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT?

KATE, I'VE FINALLY GOT A CHANCE TO CRAWL OUT OF THIS PIT, AND YOU'RE TRYIN' TO TALK ME OUT OF IT....

I'M NOT TRYING TO TALK YOU OUT OF IT....

...I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE GOING FOR THE RIGHT REASON. -YOU THINK MOVING TO A NEW TOWN WILL STRAIGHTEN YOUR LIFE OUT?

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, LOVER... ...THERE'S ASSHOLES IN EVERY TOWN. THEY'LL TRY VERY HARD TO TAKE AWAY YOUR SELF-RESPECT BUT YOU CANT LET 'EM.

YOU GOT NOTHIN' TO BE ASHAMED OF, TAKE IT FROM ME. ANYONE WHO DIDN'T LIKE YOU'D HAVE TO BE SOME KIND OF CREEP!

I'M GLAD I KNOW YOU.

OH, MYYYY! IS THAT ALLLL FOR ME? :GIGGLE:

IT'S FOR YOU, MY LOVE...
...YOURS FOR THE ASKING.

♡♡OOOOOOOOOH!♡

I'LL TAKE IT. IT'S NICE.

MMMMMM!

WHOA! WHERE 'YA GOIN'? IT WAS JUST GETTIN' GOOD!

WHERE DO YA THINK?

-TO UNDRESS..... ...DON'T YOU WANT ME TO HAVE ANY FUN?

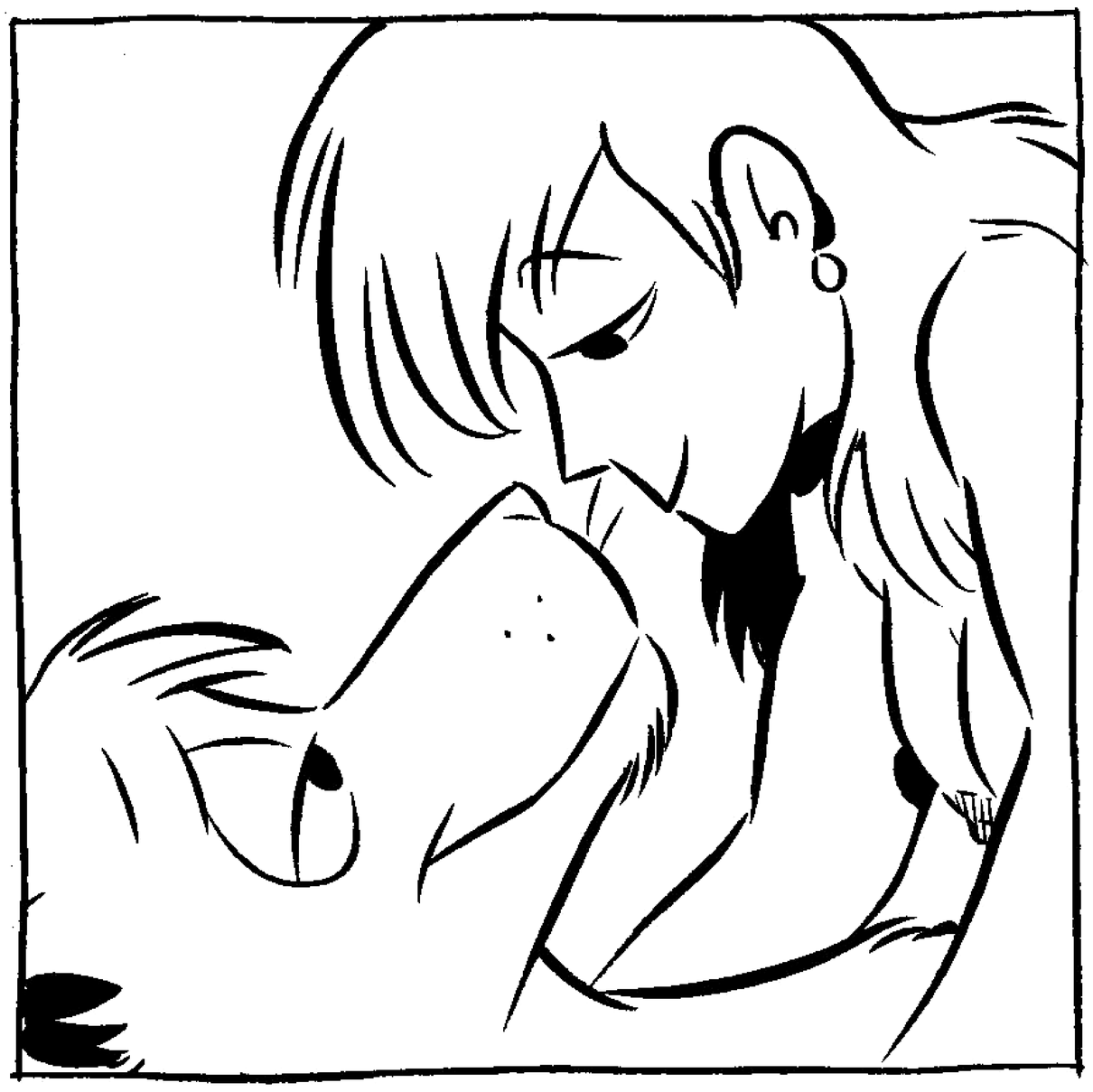
I KNOW BETTER THAN TO ARGUE WITH A WOMAN....

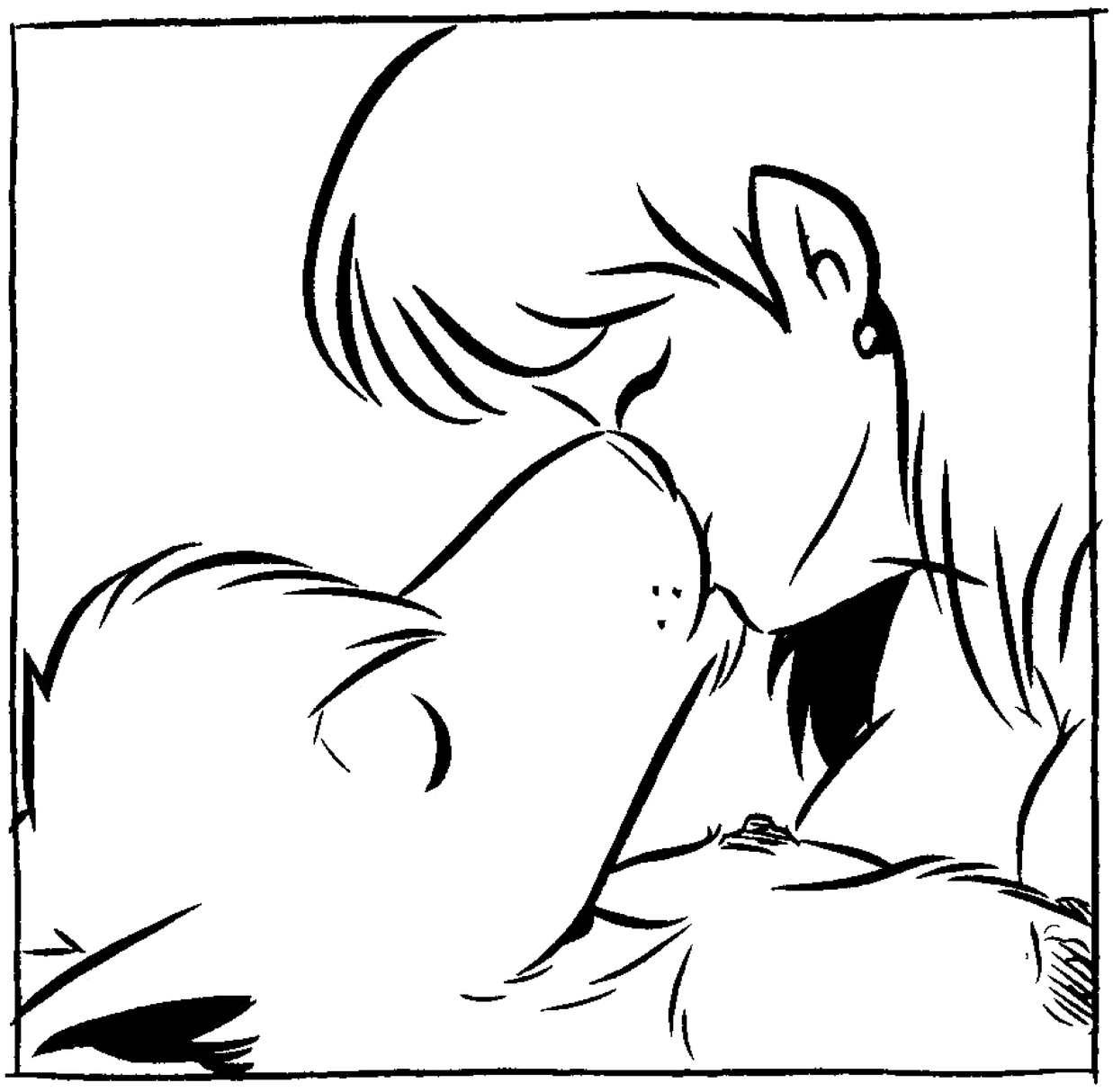
NOW, WHERE WERE WE?

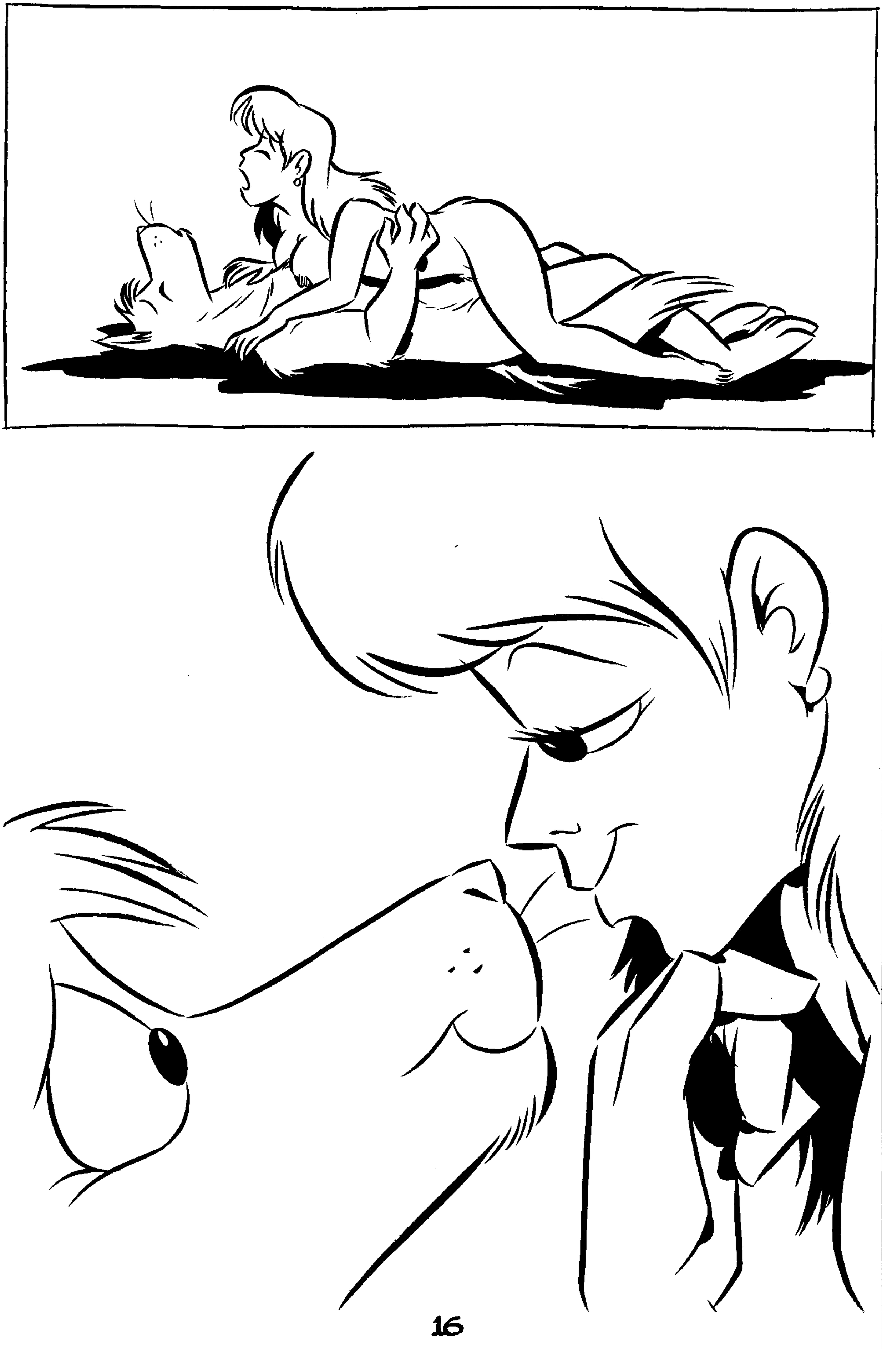
RIGHT HERE, MY LOVELY ONE....

RRRRRRR! THAT'S RIGHT! C'MEER, YOU!

WHOA!







SHORT TERM PARKING
AIR PARKING

-YOU SURE YOU WOULDN'T COME OUT AND JOIN ME? IT... IT'D BE REAL NICE....
BAGGAGE CHECK-IN
AIR

I'M AFRAID I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID MY GLOBE-TROTTING DAYS WERE BEHIND ME....

...I FEEL LIKE I'M FINALLY BEGINING TO GET CONTROL OF MY LIFE. AFTER TWO DIVORCES, I'M LOOKING TO FIND A LITTLE SECURITY....

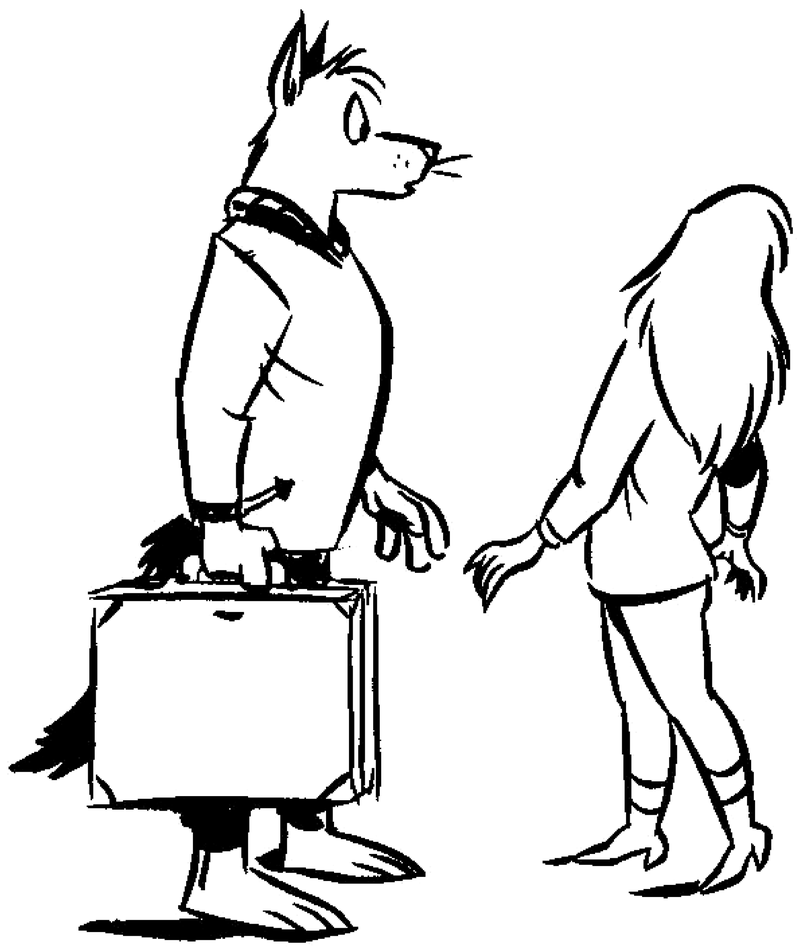
...I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT RIGHT NOW, I WANT MY LIFE TO BE MY OWN....

KATE?

...YOU **KNOW** HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU. I THINK YOU'RE JUST ABOUT THE SWEETEST MAN I EVER MET. BUT YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND...

...BUT IT'S GOTTA BE A SECURITY FROM WITHIN ME. KNOWING WHO I AM AND ACCEPTING WHO I AM. TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN DEFINING MYSELF BY THE ROLE I PLAY WITH THE COMPANY I KEEP...

I LOVE YOU, TOO.



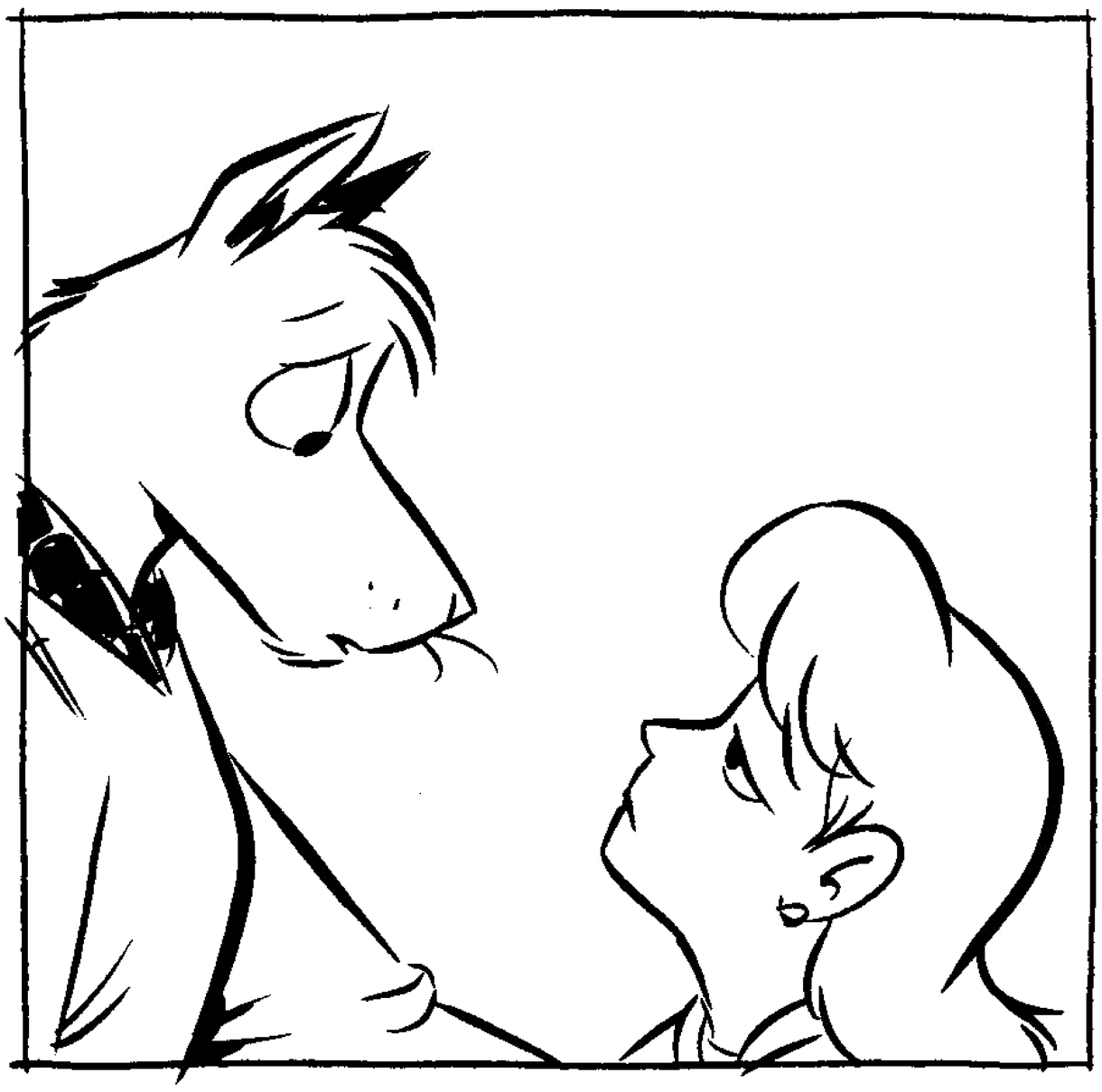
ATTENTION: FLIGHT 275 NON-STOP TO SAN FRANCISCO NOW BOARDING AT GATE 6.

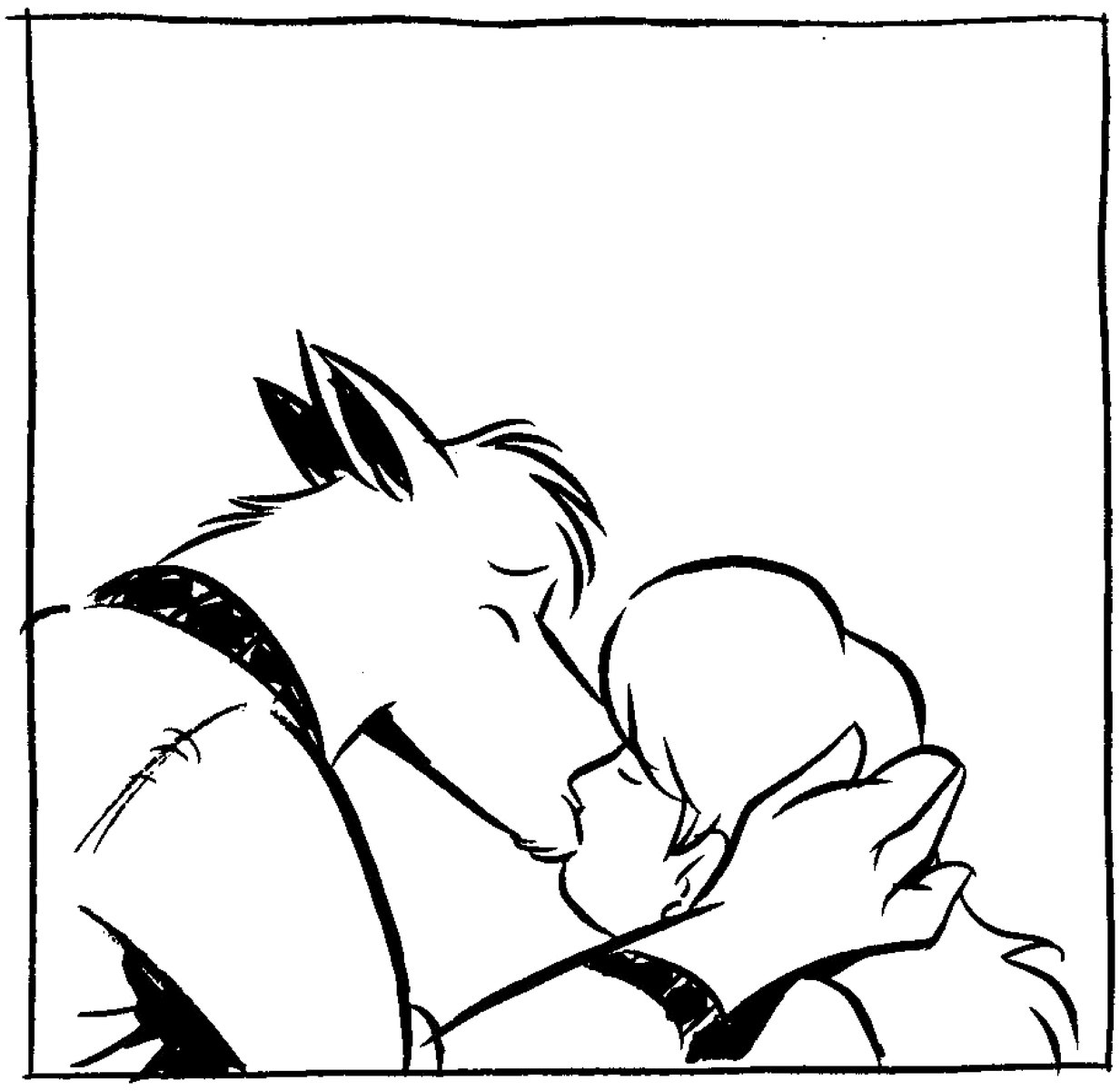
THANK YOU.

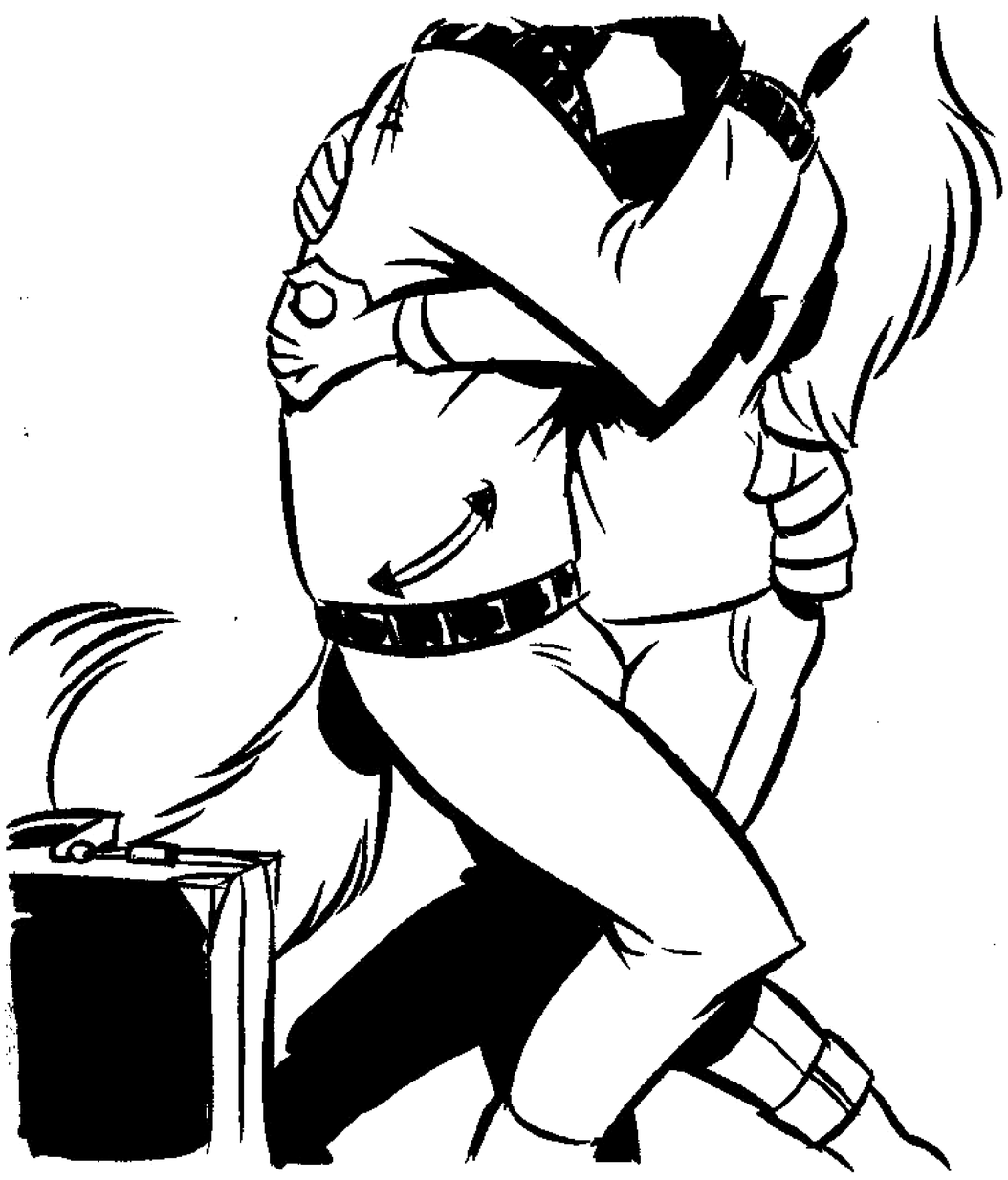
GATE 2

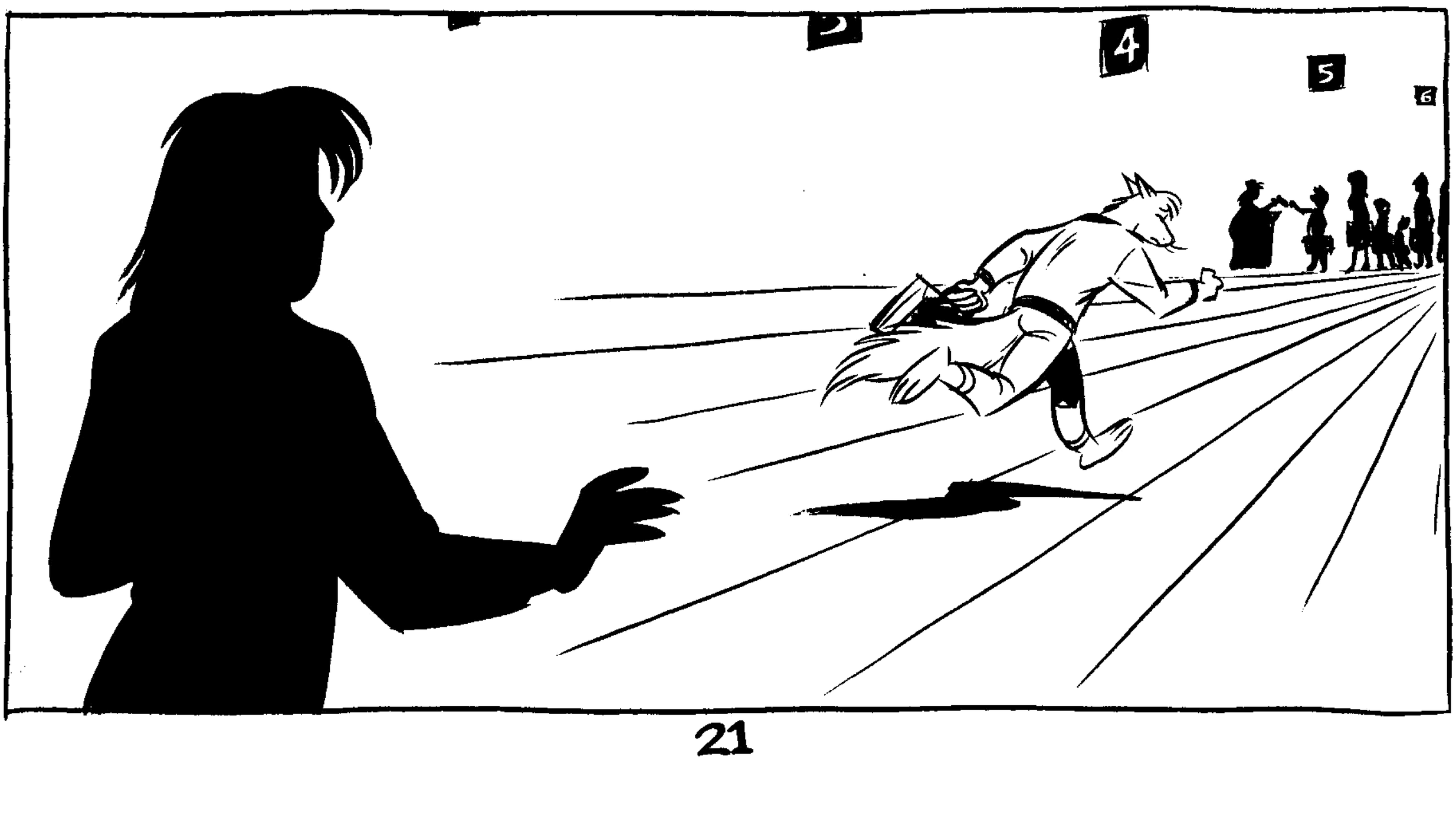
GOODBYE, KATY.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, HUH?





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NO, I AM NOT SELLING SANDWICHES...

MYLAR CAPITALINC.

KREPPS MACHER

...MY NAME IS ARTHUR FINE. I'M HERE TO SEE MR. WILKINS.

UHHHH.... D'YOU HAVVENA POINTMENT?

YES.

WAIT A MINNIT, OKAY?

EXCUSE ME MR. WILKINS... THERE'S A MR.... UH, WHUDDIDYA SAY YER NAME WAS?

FINE.

A MISTER FINE IS HERE TO SEE YOU. SHOULD I TELL HIM TO--OH! YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM....?

...YEAH, OKAY...

...RIGHT...

HE SAYS TO GO ON BACK. GO THROUGH THOSE DOORS THROUGH THE WORK AREA. HIS DOOR IS ON THE FAR WALL, OKAY?

MR. WILKINS?

RAP

RAP

-SO FRIDAY IT IS? GOOD! SEE YOU THEN....'BYE!

YOU MUST BE FINE. COME IN AND SI--

IS THIS SOME KIND OF A JOKE?

IT'S NO JOKE, SIR. I'M ARTHUR FINE AND I'VE APPLIED FOR THE ACCOUNTING POSITION.

UMMM...I SEE. WELL...:PFFFFFF: HAVE A SEAT, THEN.

ER, YES! WELL, I SEE THAT YOU FINISHED FIRST IN YOUR BOOKKEEPING CLASS IN YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE....

THAT'S CORRECT, SIR. IT'S 'COS I ENJOY WORKING WITH FIGURES. I STUDIED HARD.

UH, HUH....

..BUT YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT WE CAN'T GIVE THAT ANY CREDENCE. IT'S SIMPLY NOT AN ACCREDITED BUSINESS SCHOOL.

I'M SORRY, MR. FINE. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A JOB. IF ANYTHING COMES UP, I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL.

WHAT?!? JUST LIKE THAT? JUST FOR NOT GOING TO THE RIGHT SCHOOL?

BUT **WAIT!** YOU KNEW THAT WHEN I SENT MY **RESUME**! AND I SPENT MY LAST PENNY TO COME OUT HERE!

YOU KNOW, I THINK MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER REASON. I THINK MAYBE YOU GOT SUMPIN' AGAINST **FUR**!

I WOULDA BEEN READY TO BUST MY ASS FOR YOU, BUT.... BUT.....

AHHHHH- WHAT'S THE **USE**?!? KATE WAS RIGHT. THERE **ARE** ASSHOLES IN EVERY TOWN! **GOODBYE**!!!

MR. FINE! WAIT! PLEASE!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T HIRE YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR RACE. BUT IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF ME!

LOOK, SON.... THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS ORGANIZATION THAT ARE NOT AS OPEN MINDED AS I AM....

...I ADMIRE YOUR CHUTZPAH! DO YOU STILL WANT TO WORK FOR US?

DO I.....?

-THEN I GET THE JOB?

EASY, SON... ...THERE'S JUST ONE LITTLE THING....

-SUCH AS?

SINCE YOU'VE HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, I CAN ONLY PAY YOU FOUR-FIFTY A WEEK. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

FOUR-FIFTY.....?

FOUR **HUNDRED** AND FIFTY?

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS A **WEEK**?

MISTER, YOU GOT YOURSELF AN ACCOUNTANT!

-GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD, SON!

BE HERE TOMORROW AT EIGHT-THIRTY SHARP! I DON'T TOLERATE LATENESS!

I WON'T BE LATE! THANKS! OH, BOY!

... CALL ME AN ASSHOLE, WILL HE?

HAL! DID I SEE WHAT I THOUGHT I SAW? YOU ACTUALLY HIRED THAT.....THAT **DOG**?! YOU WANT WE SHOULD ALL GET **FLEAS**?

EASY, DAVE! YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY OPEN-MINDED.

HA, HA!

ARTHUR BEGAN HIS NEW JOB. HIS SALARY WAS ALMOST HALF THE COMPANY'S TYPICAL ENTRY-LEVEL PAY. DISPITE THIS, IT WOULD ALLOW HIM A MORE COMFORTABLE LIVING THAN HE HAD KNOWN PREVIOUSLY.

ARTHUR HIT THE BIG TIME. AND THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT GOT A NEW WHIPPING BOY.

THE STAFF **DID** RECOGNIZE HIS ABILITIES. IN FACT, HE BEGAN TO CARRY MORE AND MORE OF THE WORKLOAD AROUND THE OFFICE.

ANUBIANS HAVE A HIGHLY DEVELOPED SENSE OF HEARING. BECAUSE OF THIS, ARTHUR COULD HEAR THINGS HIS CO-WORKERS WOULD SAY BEHIND HIS BACK. IF THEY KNEW THIS, THEY DIDN'T CARE.

AFTER THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THIS ON THE JOB HARASSMENT, ARTHUR BEGAN GOING OUT LESS AND LESS. EVENTUALLY, HE WOULD LEAVE HIS HOME OR DESK ONLY WHEN NECESSARY. IT SEEMED THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID THE HOSTILITY OF THIS STRANGE NEW TOWN WAS TO KEEP TO HIMSELF....

...EVEN THAT DIDN'T ALWAYS WORK.

AND SO IT WENT FOR FIVE LONG, LONLEY YEARS. ONLY HIS FEAR OF GOING BACK TO DETROIT KEPT HIM HERE.

ARTHUR OFTEN PRAYED THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO CHANGE HIS LIFE. -FUNNY THING IS, SOMETIMES YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT....

NO, HAL! I'M **NOT** GONNA DO IT AGAIN!

...BUT IT ISN'T ALWAYS THE WAY YOU WOULD IMAGINE....

DAVE, BE RESONABLE! IT'S ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS.

I'M SERIOUS, HAL! GET YOURSELF ANOTHER BOY!

EVERY YEAR WHEN TAX-TIME ROLLS AROUND, YOU SHIP ME TO THAT HELL PLANET! NEVER AGAIN DO I WANNA STAY WITH THOSE CRAZY ANIMALS!

SO WHO ELSE AM I GONNA SEND? **SOMEBODY'S** GOT TO GO TO ANUBIA AND GO OVER THE BOOKS! WHO WOULD **YOU** RECOMMEND?

WHY DON'T YOU SEND OL' ROVER-BOY OUT THERE? I THINK HE'D GET A KICK OUT OF SEEING HIS FUZZY RELATIVES....

ARTHUR FINE?! GET SERIOUS! HE'S A **DOG!**

MY POINT EXACTLY, HAL.

COME INTO MY OFFICE, FINE. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.....

DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG, MR. WILKINS?

NO, NO, MY LAD. SIT DOWN.

-HAVE A "MILK-BONE"? OH! I'M SORRY, I FORGOT. YOU DON'T INDULGE..... HA, HA!

ALL KIDDING ASIDE, FINE....YOU'VE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB LATELY. YOU'RE A VERY GOOD BOOKKEEPER, -YOU KNOW THAT?

WHY, THANK YOU, SIR...

DON'T THANK ME, BOY, YOU **DESERVE** IT!

AND IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR SPLENDID PERFORMANCE THAT I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU....

..THIS YEAR, I'VE CHOSEN **YOU** TO INSPECT OUR OPERATIONS IN ANUBIA!

P-PLANET **ANUBIA?!** BUT I--

AH, **AH!** NO BUTS! I'VE ALREADY DECIDED! THE OTHER MEN WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT 'TILL SOME OTHER YEAR!

BESIDES, I THINK IT'D DO YOU **GOOD** TO GET OUT FOR A BIT, EH? I HEAR YOU DON'T SOCIALIZE VERY MUCH....IS THAT TRUE?

WELL, DON'T WORRY....I THINK YOU'LL FIND YOU HAVE A LOT IN COMMON WITH THE NATIVES.

SO IT'S SETTLED! I'LL PICK YOU UP AND TAKE YOU TO THE SPACE-PORT TOMORROW MORNING. SEE YOU AT EIGHT?

YES, SIR.

HOW'D IT GO, HAL?

DON'T WORRY....HE'LL GO EVEN IF I HAFTA DRAG HIM BY THE COLLAR.

HE SHOULD FIT RIGHT IN. TAKE OFF THAT SUIT AND HE'S JUST A SAVAGE ANUBIAN!

HE'LL BE WHERE HE BELONGS, ALRIGHT. NOW IF WE COULD JUST GET HIM TO **STAY** THERE....

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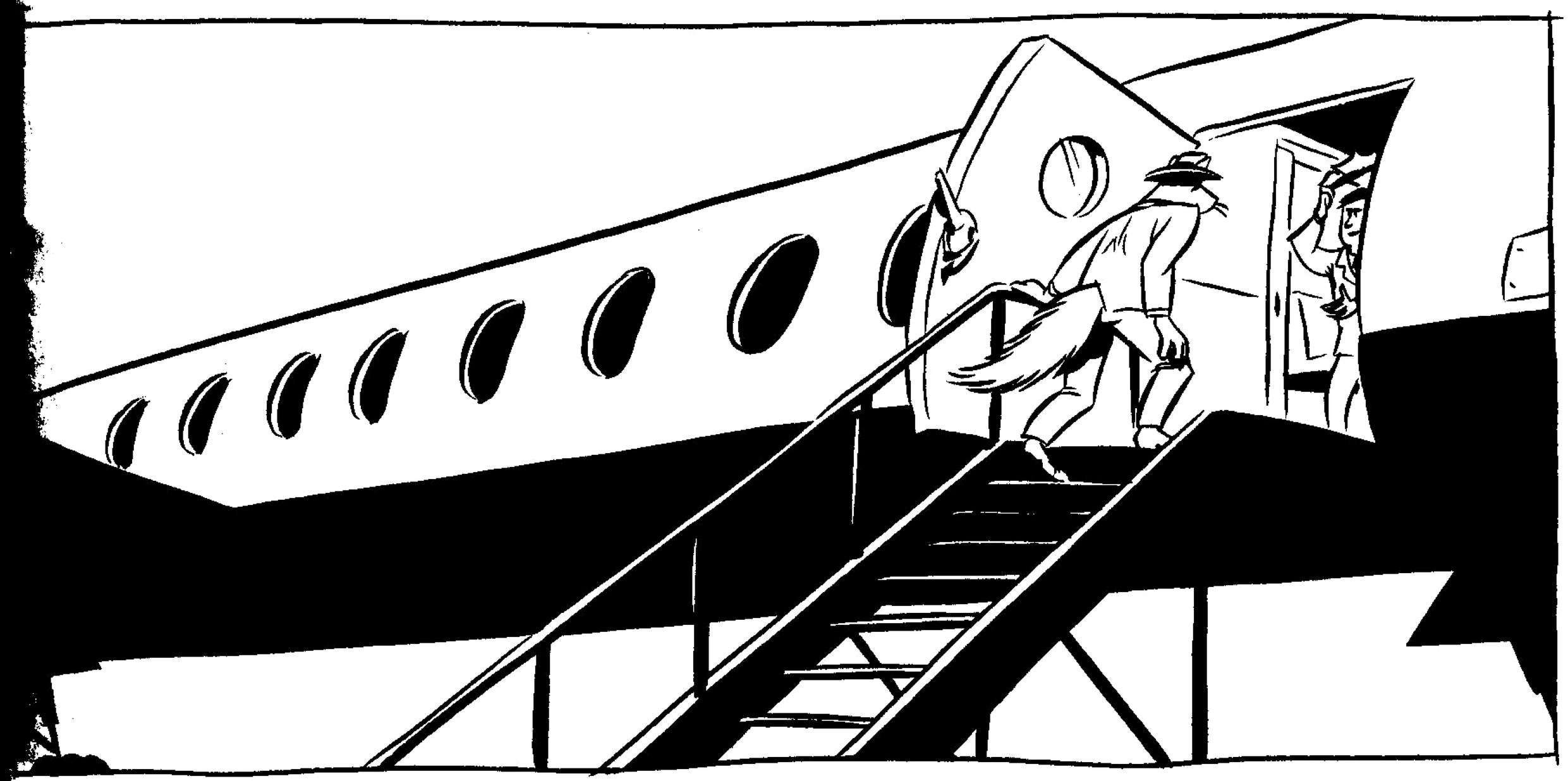
- CARRY YOUR BAGS, SIR?

FUEL



...I'M SCARED. I'M VERY, VERY SCARED....

...I'M SCARED BECAUSE I MIGHT FIND OUT THAT THE ANUBIANS... ...**MY** PEOPLE... ARE EVERYTHING THE HUMANS SAY THEY ARE...

...I'M SCARED BECAUSE I DIDN'T FIT IN IN DETROIT, I DIDN'T FIT IN IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND NOW I MIGHT NOT FIT IN IN ANUBIA....

...OR WORSE YET... ...I MIGHT FIT IN PERFECTLY... ...OH, GOD!

ATTENTION, PASSENGERS!

WE WILL SOON BE LANDING AT ANUBIA SPACEPORT. PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HELL PLANET FROM HERE. AT LEAST **THAT'S** A GOOD SIGN....

HELLO, FRIEND! WELCOME TO ANUBIA!

MY NAME IS BLACKTOOTH. I'M THE MANAGER DOWN AT THE PRODUCE COMPANY. AND YOU MUST BE ARTHUR. I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

YES, THAT'S ME. I'M VERY GLAD TO MEET YOU, BLACKTOOTH, I....

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-SOMETHING WRONG, ARTHUR?

..WRONG?

HOW COULD ANYTHING POSSIBLY BE WRONG?

WELL, SHALL I TAKE YOU TO YOUR QUARTERS? I'VE ALREADY HAD YOUR THINGS PUT ON THE WAGON...

WAGON?

OH, YEAH. RIGHT. THE WAGON.

WHOA, BOY!

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST-HOUSE.

I HOPE YOU'LL BE COMFORTABLE HERE, MR. FINE.

WILL YOU BE NEEDING ELSE?

ER....YEAH.... IS THERE SOMEWHERE TO SHOWER AROUND HERE?

I'M AFRAID THERE'S NO SHOWER, BUT THERE **IS** A TUB 'ROUND IN THE BACK. I'LL SEND SOMEONE TO BRING THE WATER.

WE'LL GET YOU FRESHENED-UP! YOU JUST UNDRESS AND WAIT OUT THERE. THE WATER WILL BE ALONG SOON.

I'LL BE BY LATER TO PICK YOU UP FOR SUPPER. AND DON'T WORRY, OKAY? YOU'RE AMONG FRIENDS!

NO ELECTRICITY....

...NO PLUMBING...

...SIGH!

MY PEOPLE?

..BACK HOME BATHTUBS WERE SO UNCOMFORTABLE....I GUESS THEY JUST WEREN'T DESIGNED FOR ME...

NOT BAD...

...THIS TUB IS NOT ONLY ROOMIER, BUT IT'S SHAPED TO FIT MY BODY, AND THERE'S EVEN A CHANNEL IN THE FLOOR FOR MY TAIL!

..I COULD DOZE OFF IN HERE...

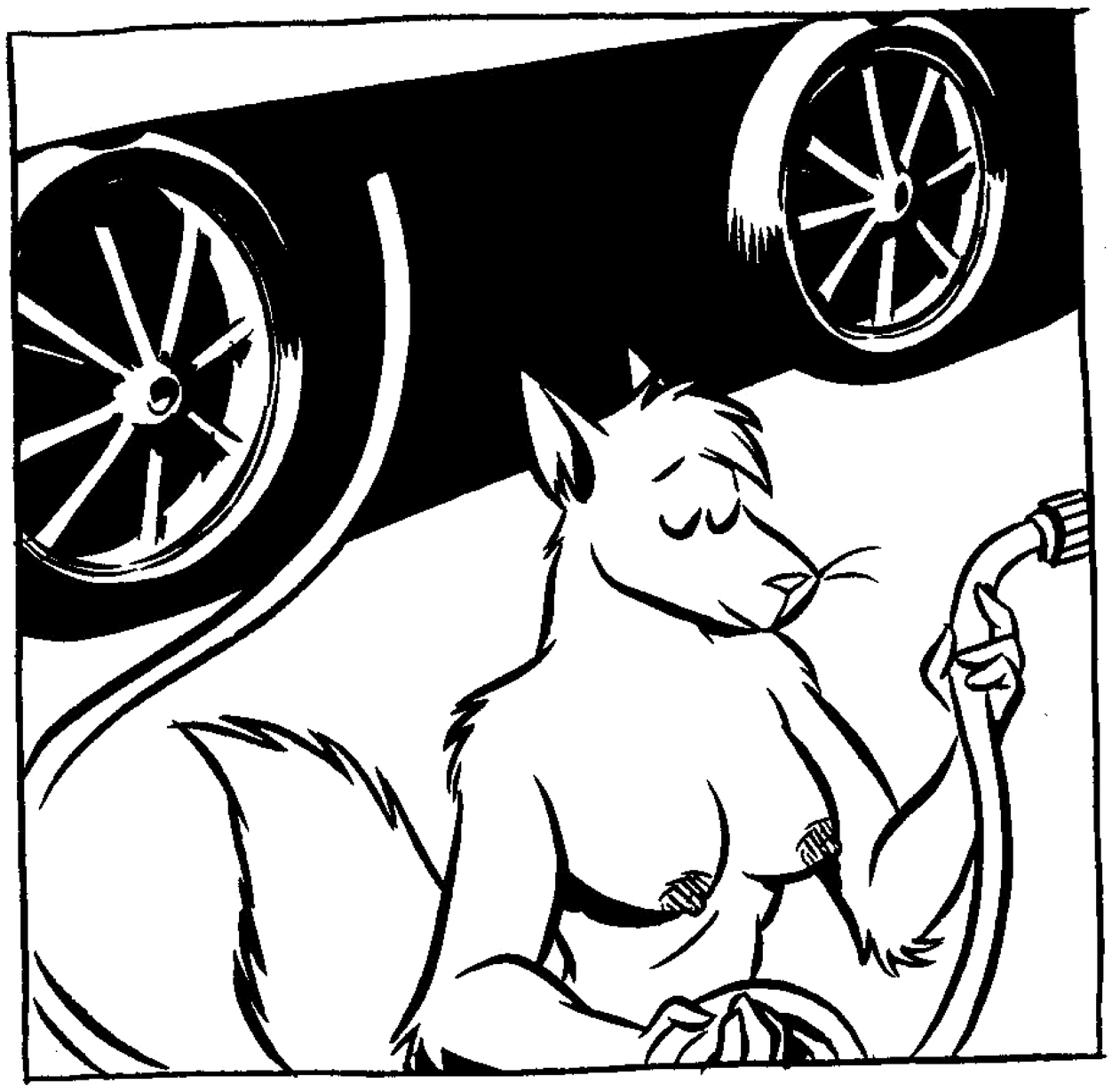
EXCUSE ME, BUT ARE YOU READY FOR THE WATER, MR. FINE?

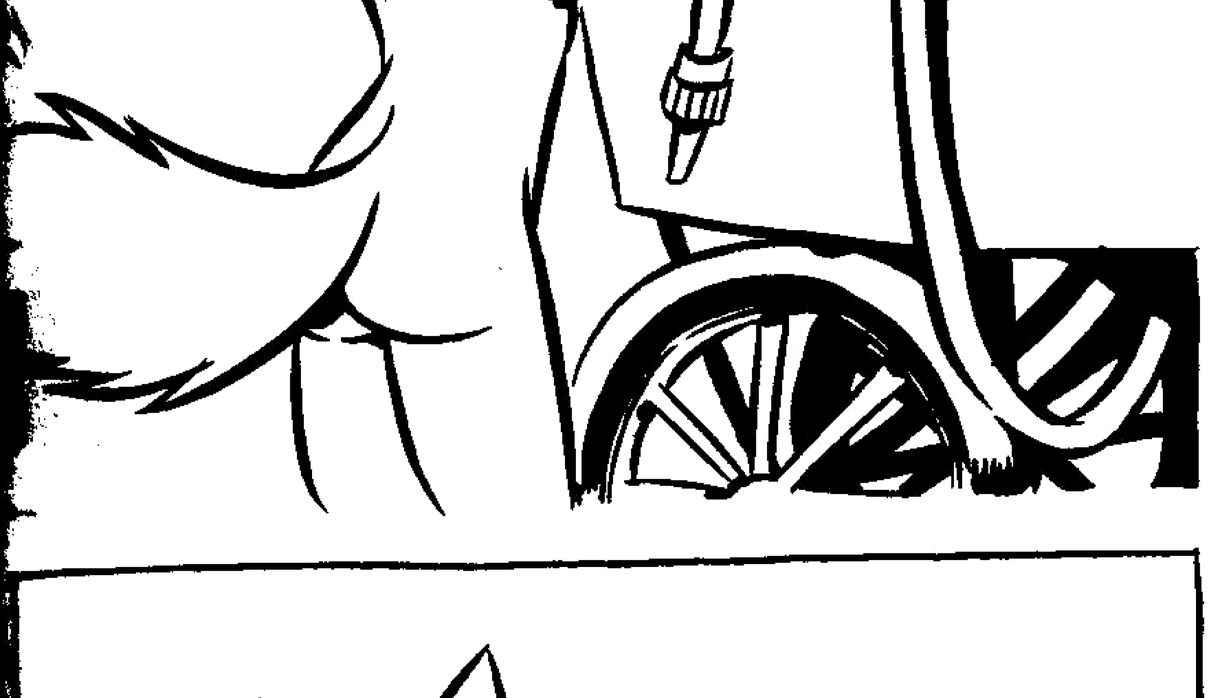
YES...WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, MISS....

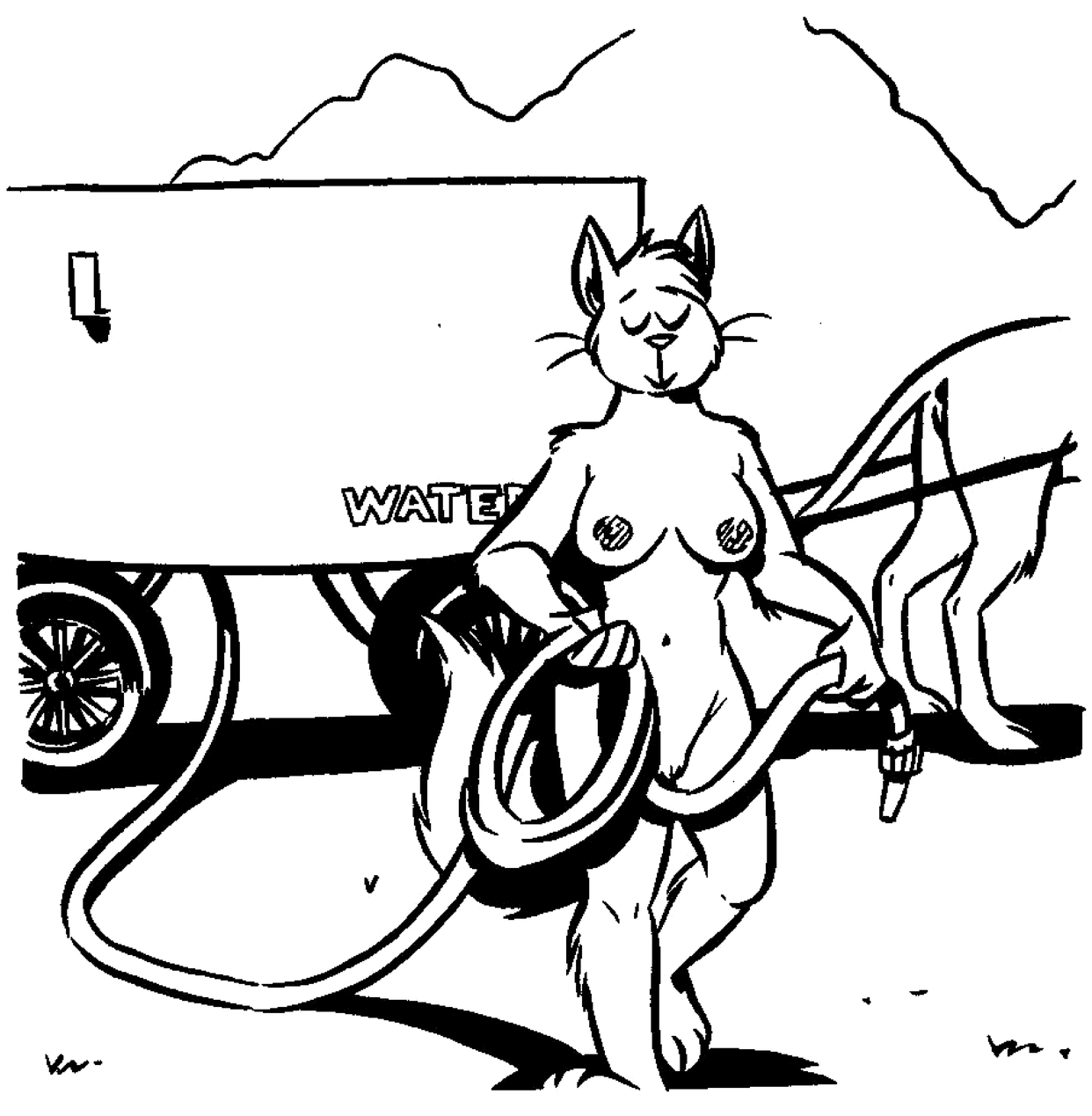
MISS?!

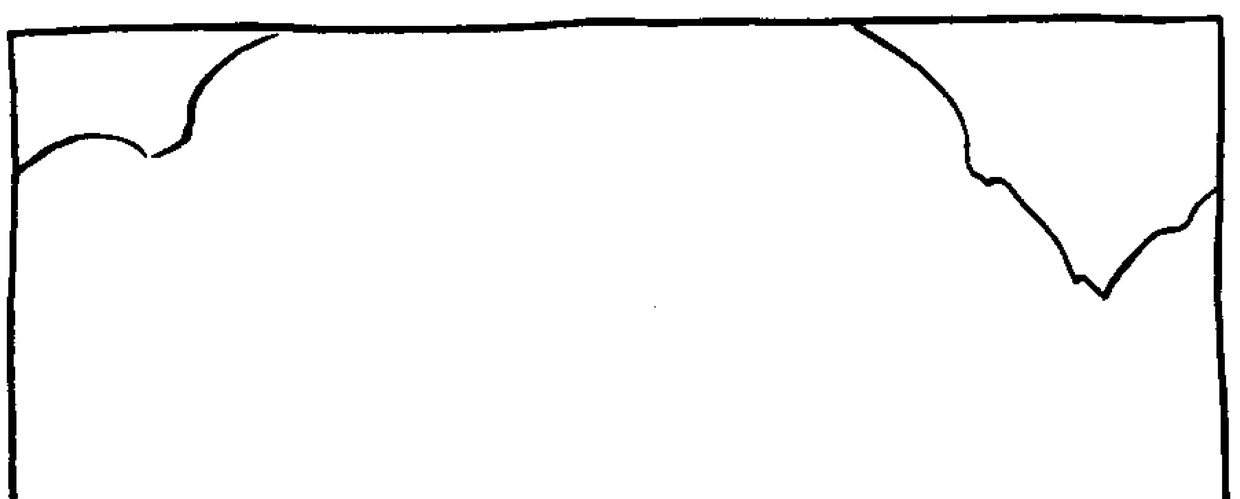
ER...YEAH... ..I'M READY...

GOOD. I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE.









OKAY?

OOOOOOKAYY...

BOY, I HOPE SHE DIDN'T SEE THAT! HOW EMBARRASSING!

I GOTTA GET UN-HORNY SOMEHOW, I--

--YIKES!

TH-THAT DID ITTTTT....

=BRRRRRRR!!!=

WHAT THE HELL AM I GONNA DO? IF I GO OUT IN MY SUIT, THESE NAKED PRIMITIVES WILL STARE AT ME...

...AND I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO GO AROUND WITH MY BALLS HANGIN' OUT!

WHAT'LL I DO?

ARTHUR! IT'S ME, BLACKTOOTH! ARE YOU READY TO GO TO DINNER?

BUHHHHH, NO! NO, I'M NOT DRESSED YET!

DRESS? THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT, MY FRIEND! JUST COME AS YOU ARE.

WELL.... BUT WITHOUT A NICE SUIT, I FEEL.... UMMM...

..NAKED?

-YOU MEAN TO SAY.... I WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOU'D BE ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF THAT AWFUL THING....

... BUT YOU REALLY WANT TO WEAR IT, DON'T YOU?

I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE COMFORTABLE.... ..I SPENT A FEW YEARS ON EARTH. I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF THE NATIVES LIKED THEM, LET ALONE US.

TAKE THE SHOES FOR EXAMPLE... ...DO YOU LIKE SQUEEZING YOUR PAWS INTO A SHAPE THEY'VE NEVER BEEN? BARBARIC!

EARTH PEOPLE TEND TO JUDGE EACH OTHER BY THEIR CLOTHES. WELL, YOU'RE NOT ON EARTH. HERE WE PREFER VEIWING OURSELVES AS PEOPLE.

-YOU MEAN FEET... YEAH, IT **IS** KIND OF PAINFUL.

SO IT'S NOT THE CUSTOM, HUH?

I GUESS MAYBE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES A COMPROMISE WOULD BE IN ORDER.

SUIT YOURSELF...

THESE LOUD HAWAIIAN TRUNKS AT AT LEAST AS DISTRACTING AS A SUIT....I CAN TELL EVERYONE THINKS THEY'RE FUNNY LOOKING...
...AT LEAST THE FOLKS ARE BEING POLITE ABOUT IT...

...ACTUALLY, THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY NICE TO ME. I THINK I'M ENJOYING THIS VISIT....

...AND THIS WEIRD MUSIC...IT JUST SOUNDED LIKE NOISE AT FIRST, BUT IT'S REALLY VERY COOL!

..I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FITTING INTO THE CONVERSATION, THOUGH. NOBODY'S TALKING ABOUT T.V. OR CARS OR FINANCE...

--LOOKS LIKE VEGETABLE STEW?!
NO MEAT? IT SMELLS GOOD ANYHOW...
...I WONDER WHERE THE SPOONS ARE...

...SPOONS...WHERE ARE TH--

FIDO

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
S'GOOD, THANKS.

WHAT'S THIS NOW?

TRY IT AND SEE...

MIXED FRUIT JUICES! AND VERY GOOD, TOO!

ALRIGHT, PEOPLE! WE'RE GONNA UP THE TEMPO A BIT AND GIVE YOU MUSIC TO DANCE TO! ARE WE READY?

HOW ABOUT IT, ART?-YOU WANNA DANCE WITH US?

ER, NO...

...I THINK I'LL SIT THIS ONE OUT, THANK YOU...

WELL, THAT'S OKAY....YOU CAN JUST WATCH IF YOU LIKE.

...THE SUPPER....THE MUSIC....THE DANCING....I FELT....I FELT LIKE... ...AM I ONE OF THOSE SAVAGES?

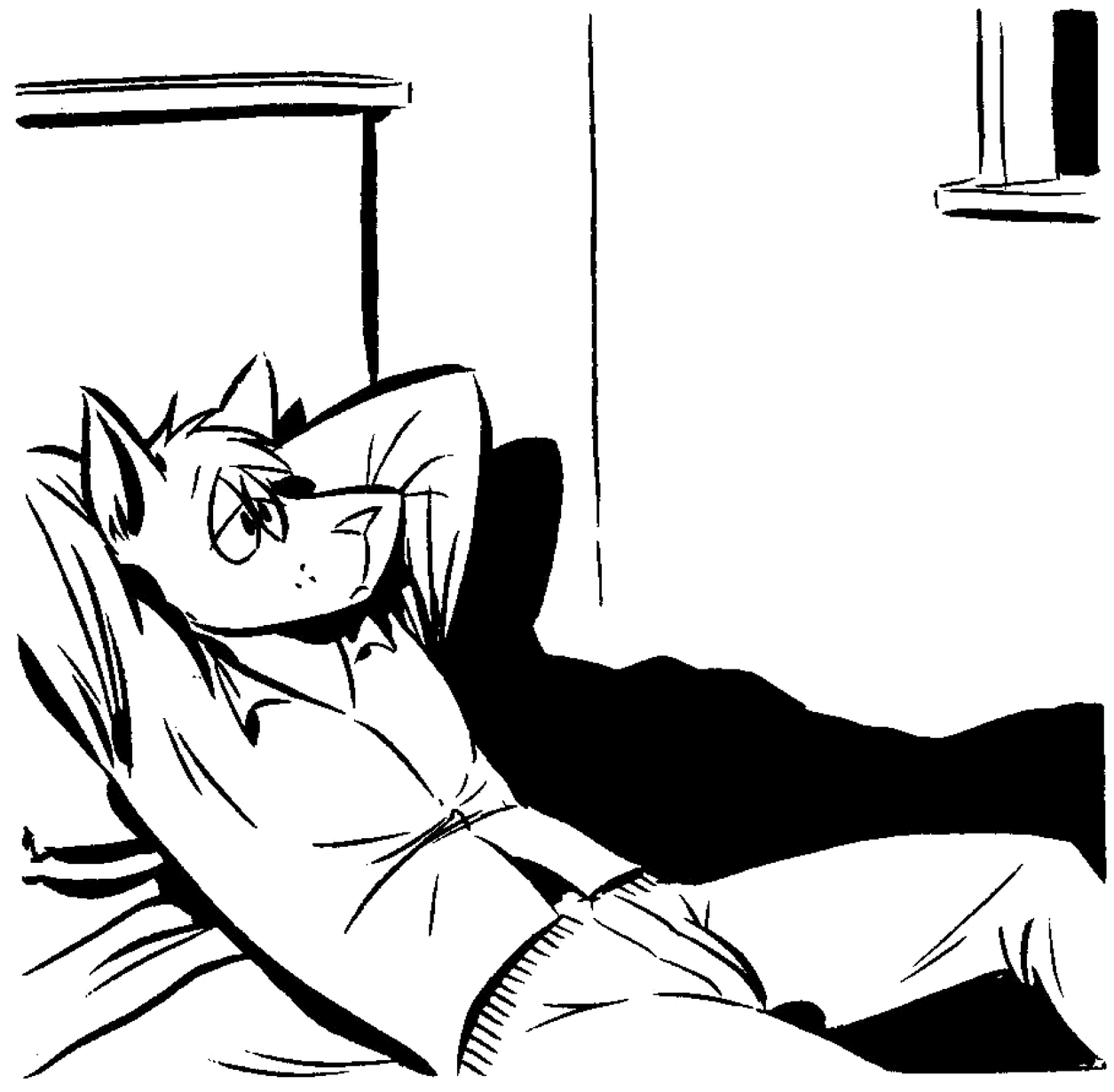
NO, WELL, THEY DON'T SEEM VERY SAVAGE, DO THEY? PRIMITIVE, MAYBE.... ACTUALLY, THEY'VE BEEN MORE CIVIL TO ME THAN MOST PEOPLE ON EARTH....

...MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M ONE OF THEM...I WONDER HOW THEY WOULD'VE TREATED ME IF I WAS A HUMAN..

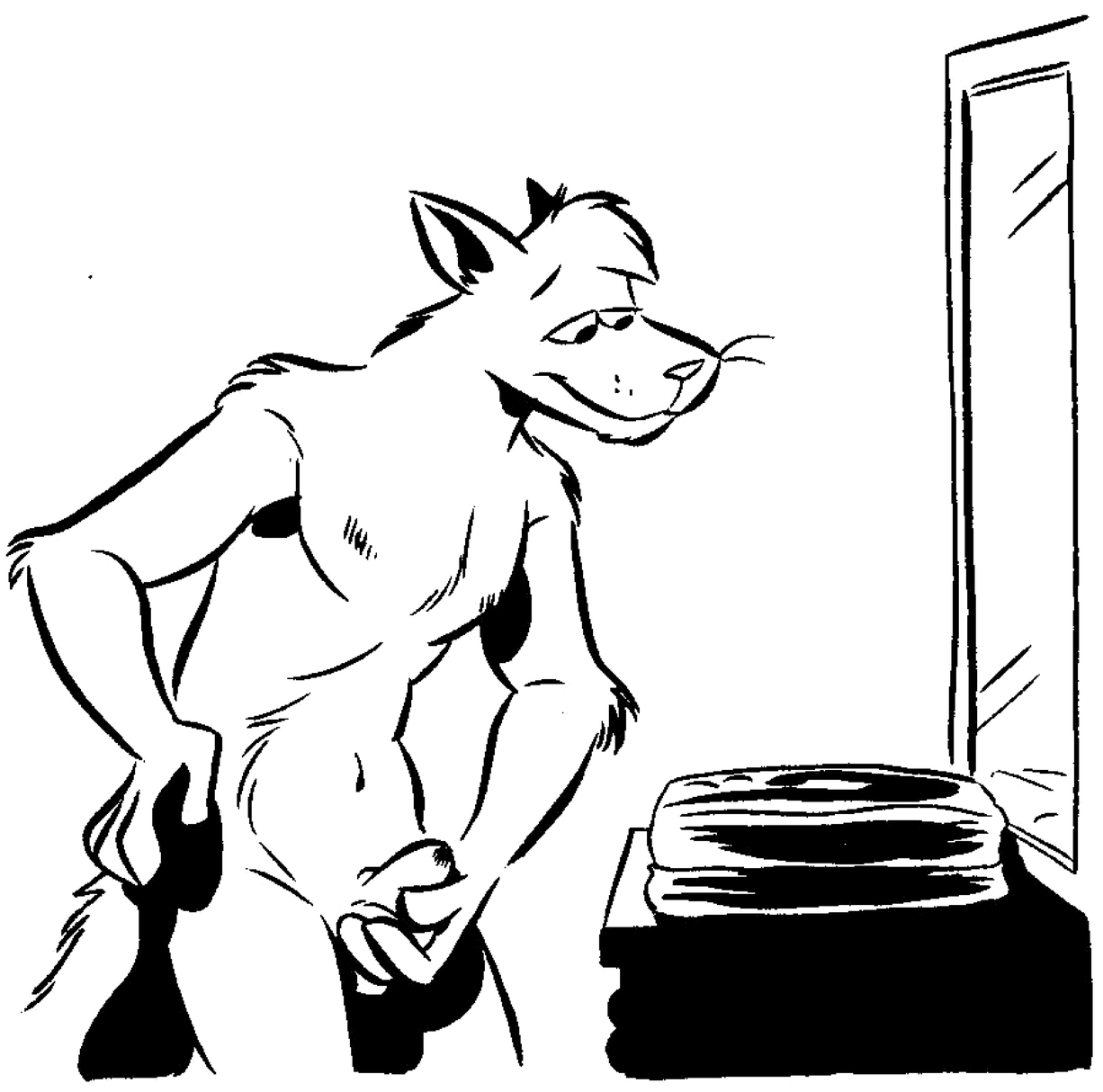
≥SIGH≤

I GOTTA PEE....

NOW WHERE DID HE SAY THE TOILET WAS....OH, RIGHT. NO TOILET.....



I WONDER WHAT WOULDA HAPPENED IF I HAD DANCED WITH THEM?



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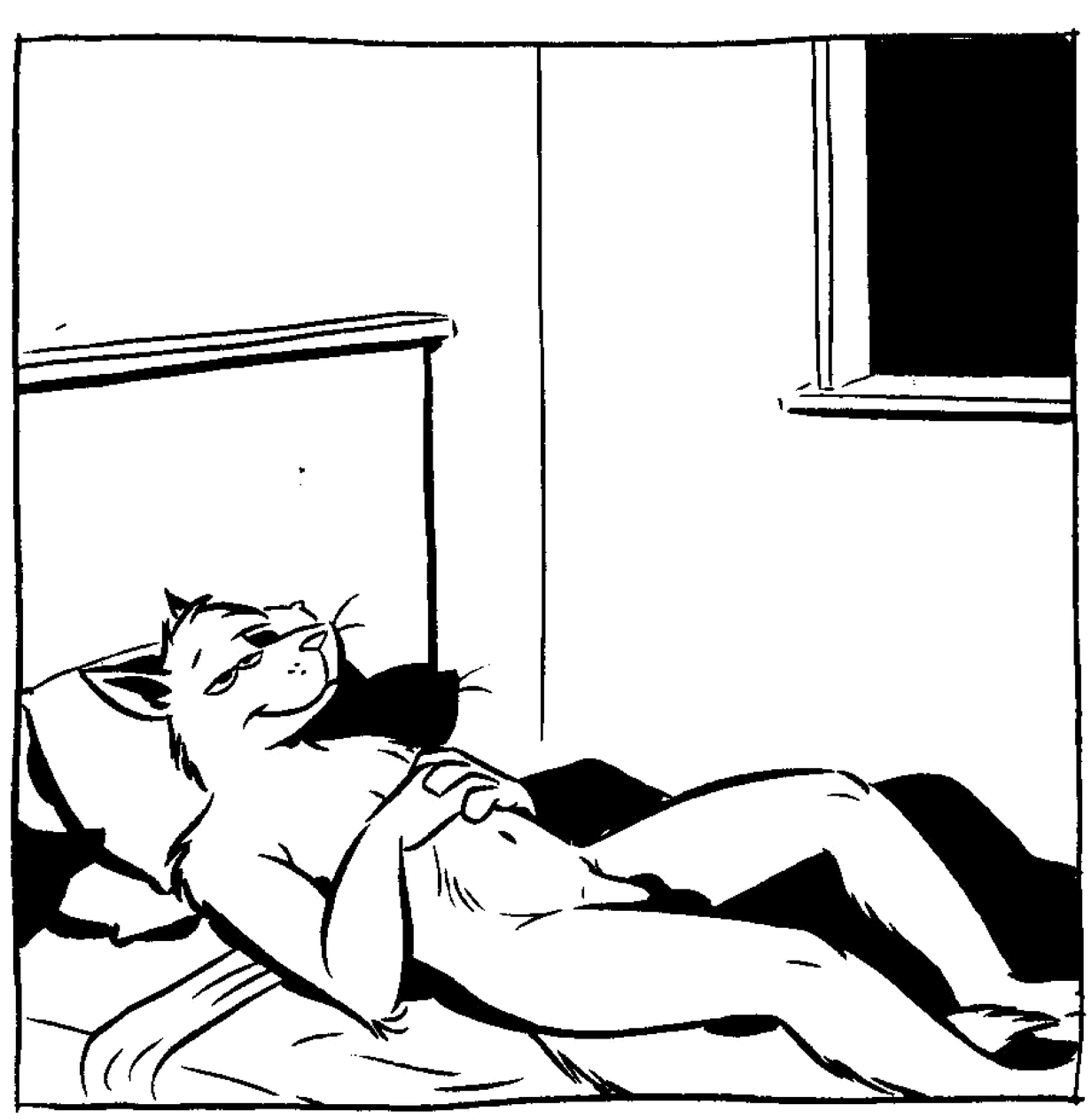


AHHHH.....THAT WATER GIRL....SHE MADE ME THINK OF KATY...HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN, FIVE YEARS?

WHAT NIGHTS WE HAD.....ALONE TOGETHER... RUNNING MY HANDS ON HER SWEET FACE... HOLDING HER WARM BODY NEXT TO MINE... ...I'D GIVE A MILLION TO BE WITH HER TONIGHT!

YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU? MMMMM, YEAH, YOU DO....

AH, THAT FEELS NICE....

...VERY NICE INDEED....

THAT WATER GIRL WASN'T TOO SHABBY, WAS SHE? HMMMM, NO... ...NO SHE WASN'T.... IN FACT, I WOULDN'T MIND - OHHHHHH!

OHHHHHHHHH....

OHH, THAT FEELS SO GOOOOD....

HUHHHHH.... UH! UH!

OOOH, YEAH... UH... UH! UH!

UH!

UHHHHH..UHN!

UH, UH, UH, UH.....

UH...HUH HUH HUH....HUH....

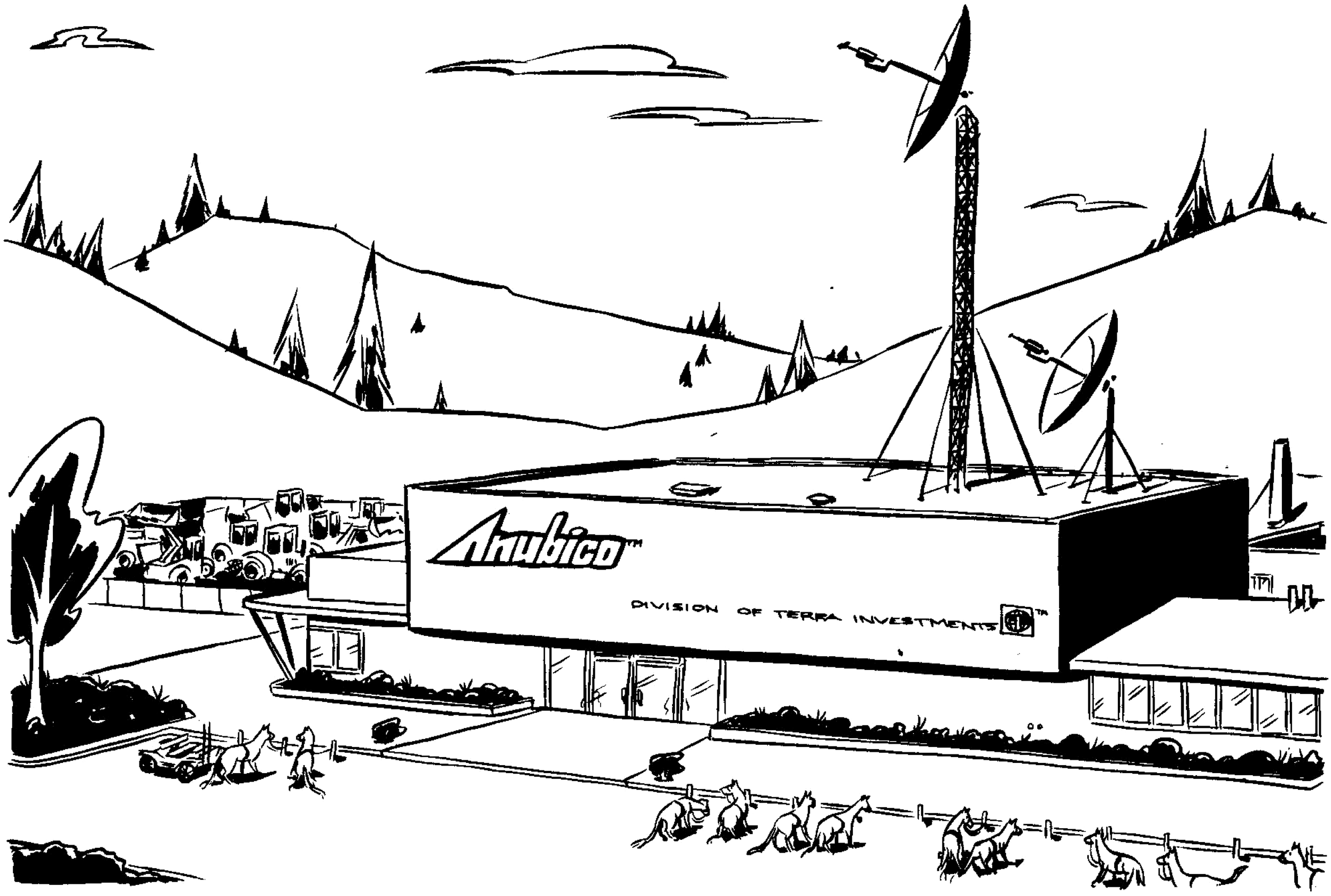
....WHEW!

AHHHHHHHHHH...

GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING!

ARTHUR!
IT'S TIME
TO GO DOWN
TO THE
OFFICE!

..BE READY IN A MINNIT....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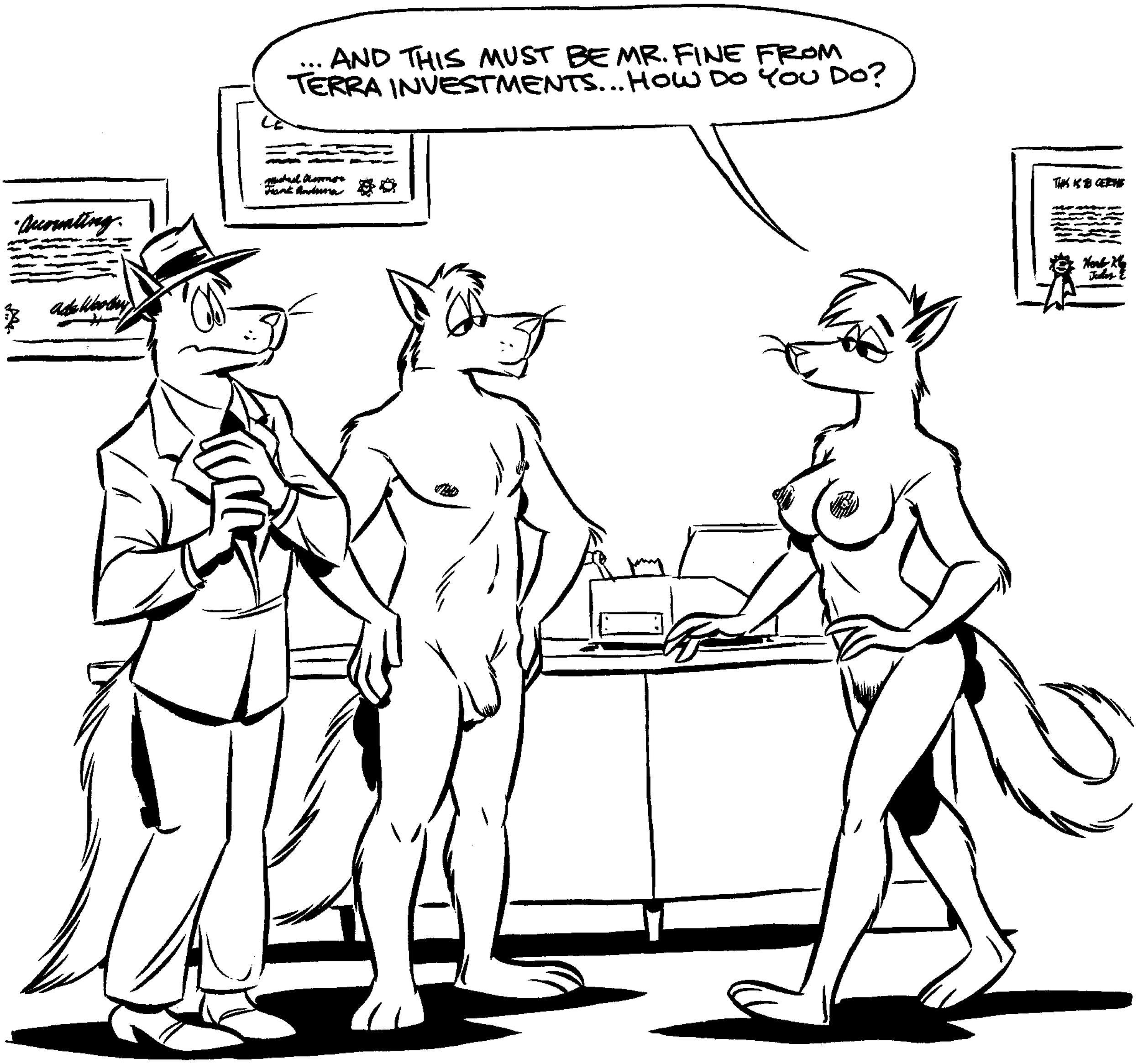
I'LL TAKE YOU TO OUR HEAD BOOKKEEPER. SHE'LL SHOW YOU WHATEVER YOU NEED....
OKAY...

-ACCOUNTING-
Sandra Swiftpaw

GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN. YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME....


...AND THIS MUST BE MR. FINE FROM TERRA INVESTMENTS...HOW DO YOU DO?
-Accounting-

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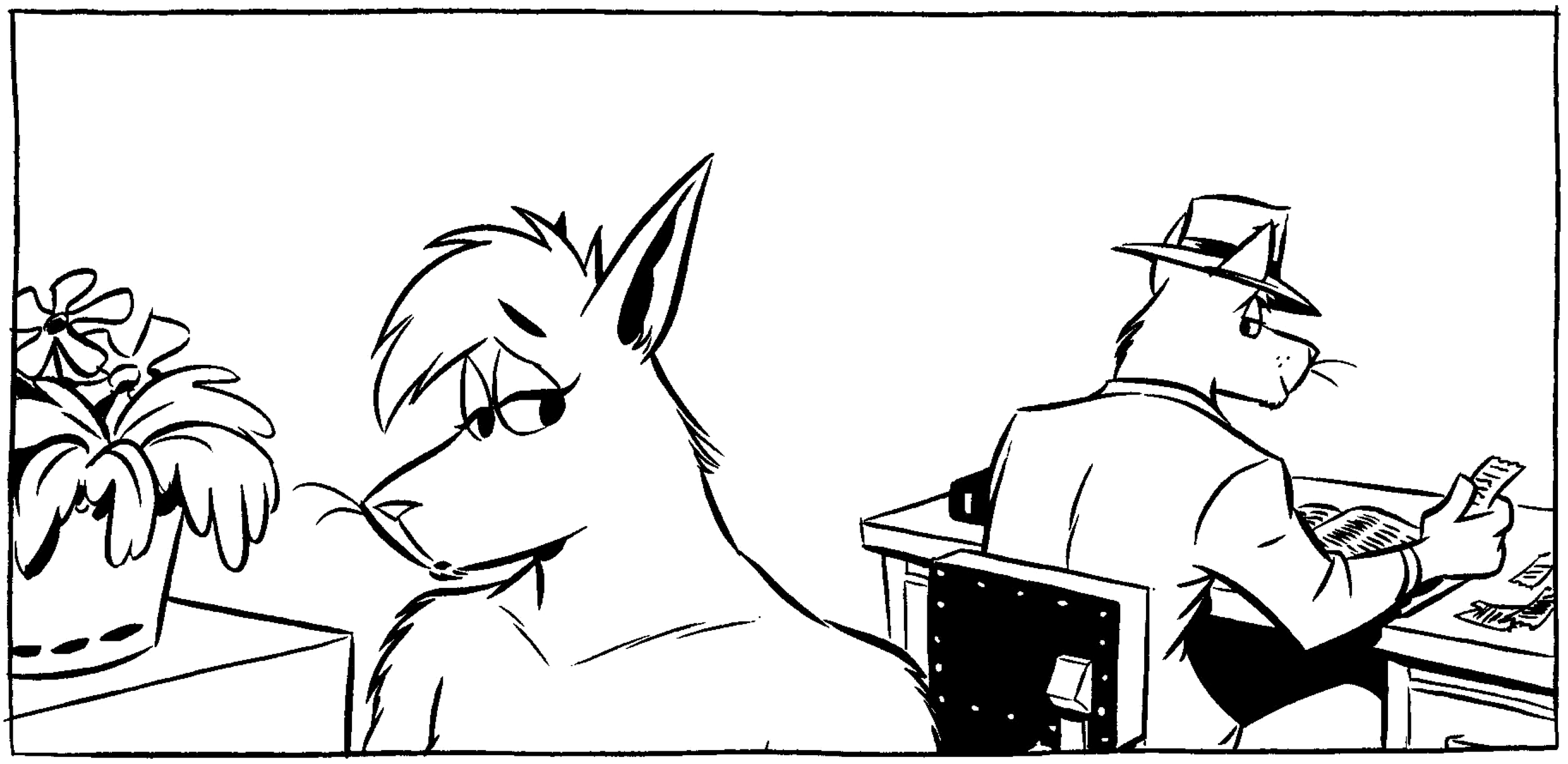
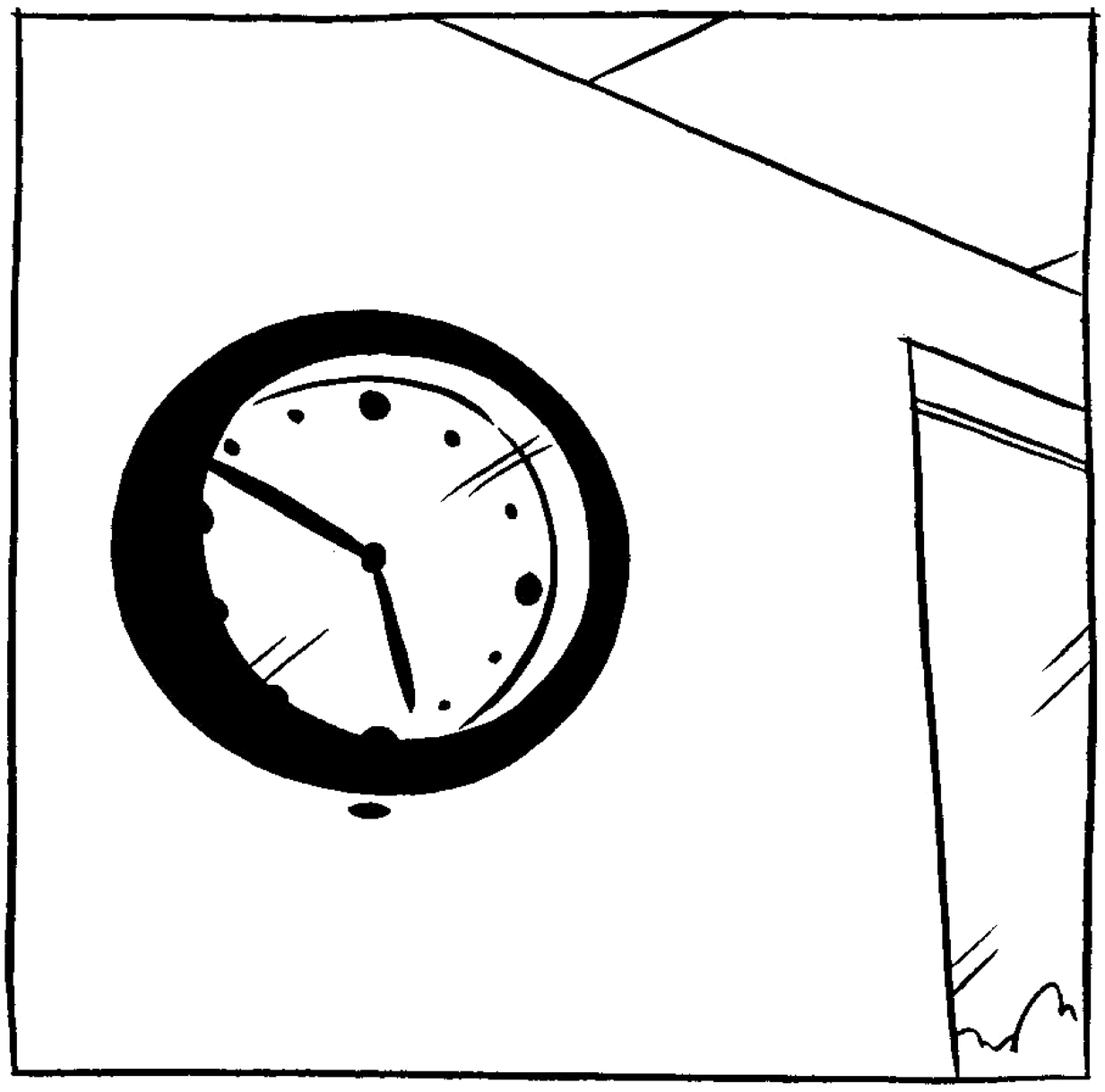
FINE...

...THANK YOU.....





FINISHED! EVERYTHING CHECKS OUT PERFECTLY!

YOU DO A VERY GOOD JOB, MISS SANDRA.... VERY ACCURATE RECORDS, I MUST SAY....

WHY, THANK YOU.
S-SAYYYY... I'M GONNA BE HERE FOR ANOTHER DAY... ...I WAS THINKIN' MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE ME TO SEE THE FIELDS TOMORROW...

WELL...I....

...IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY, I MEAN...

NO...NO, I'M NOT BUSY...

...AND YOU WONT HAVE TO WEAR THAT AWFUL SUIT IF YOU DONT WANT TO...

OH, HEY!

I'M SORRY!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN BROUGHT IT UP!

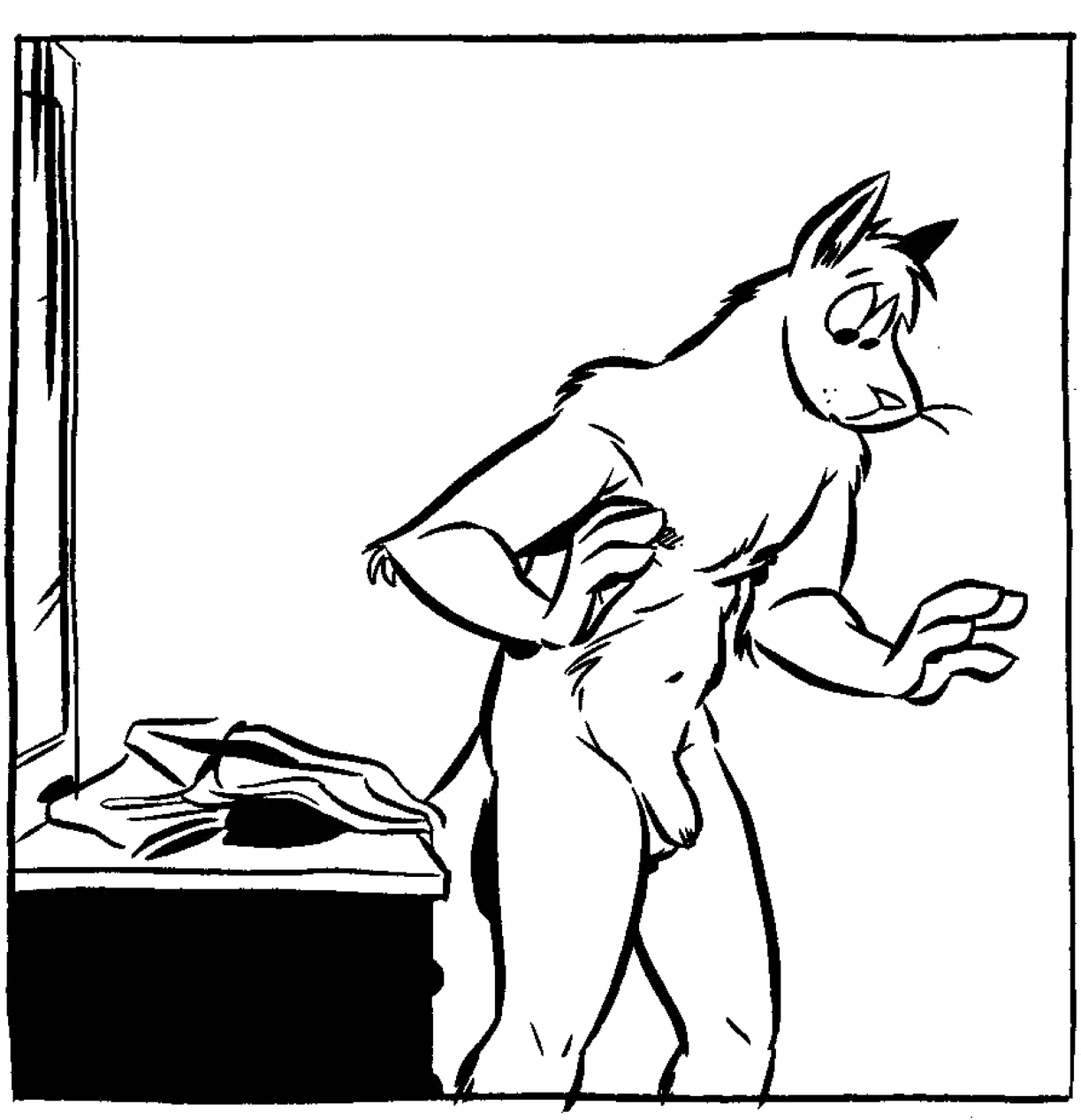
REALLY!

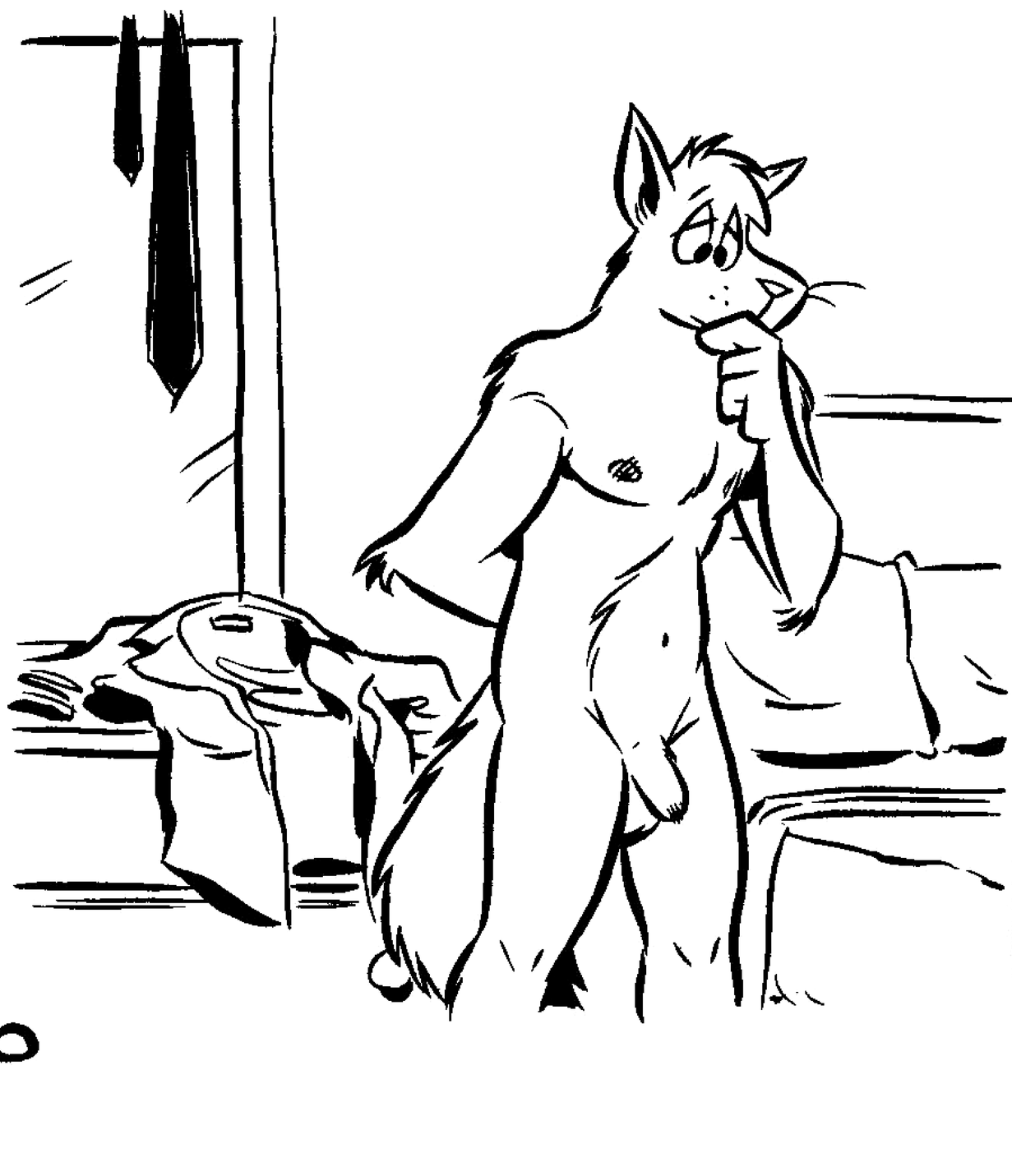
...I'LL...UH... SEE YOU TOMORROW, OKAY?

OH, MY ACHIN' FEET...

UHHHHHHHH!

SCRATCH
SCRATCH





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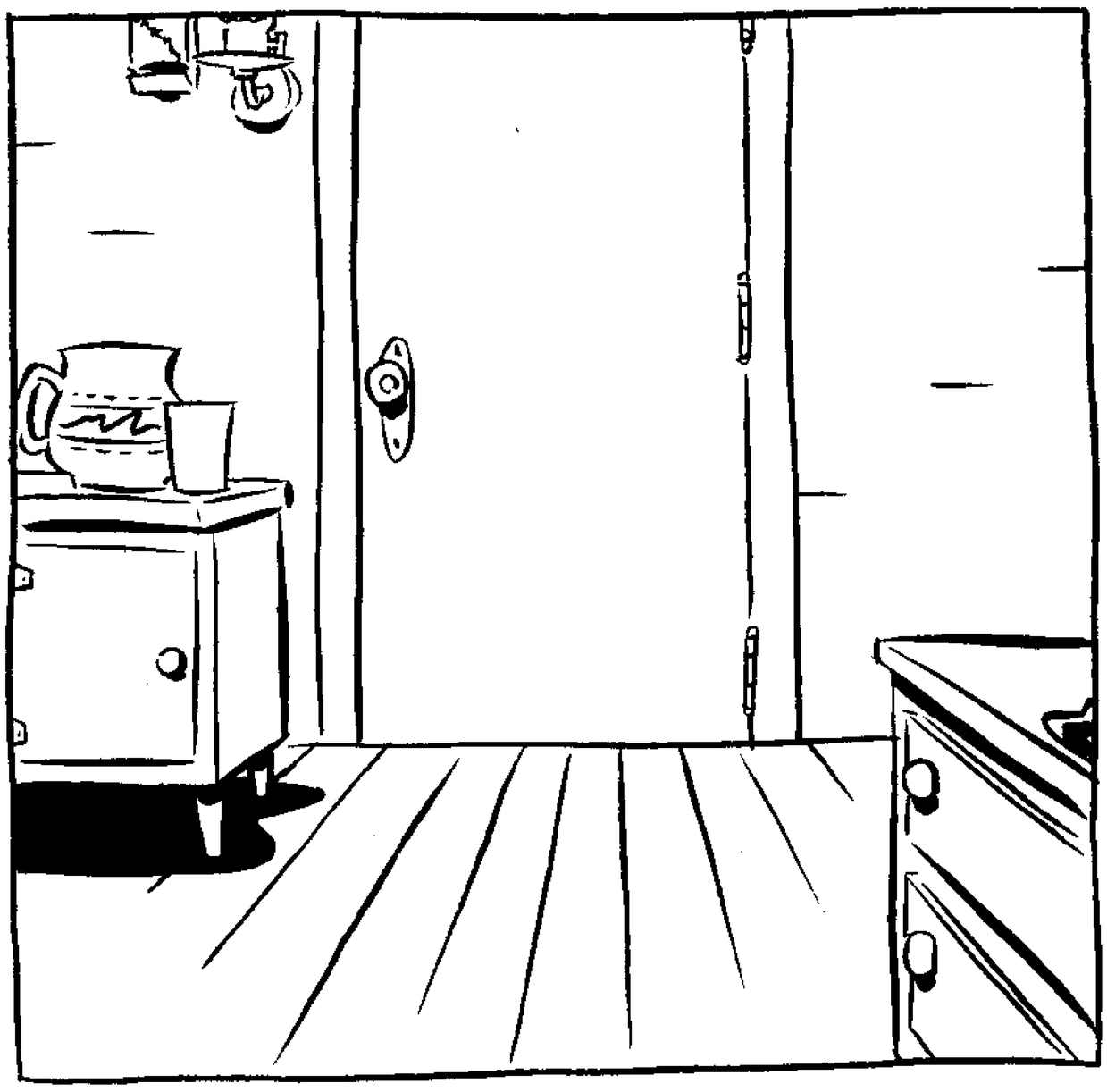
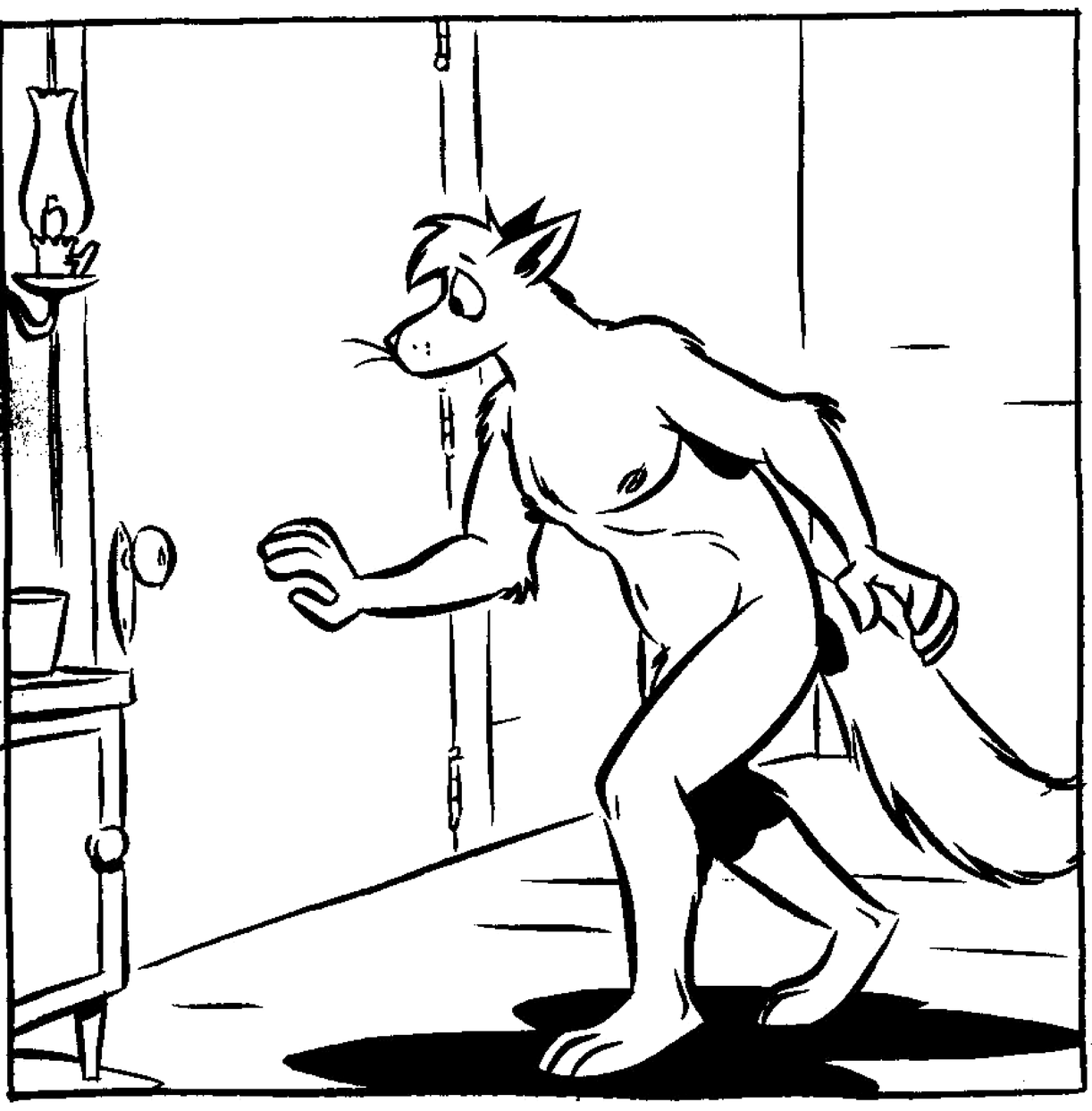
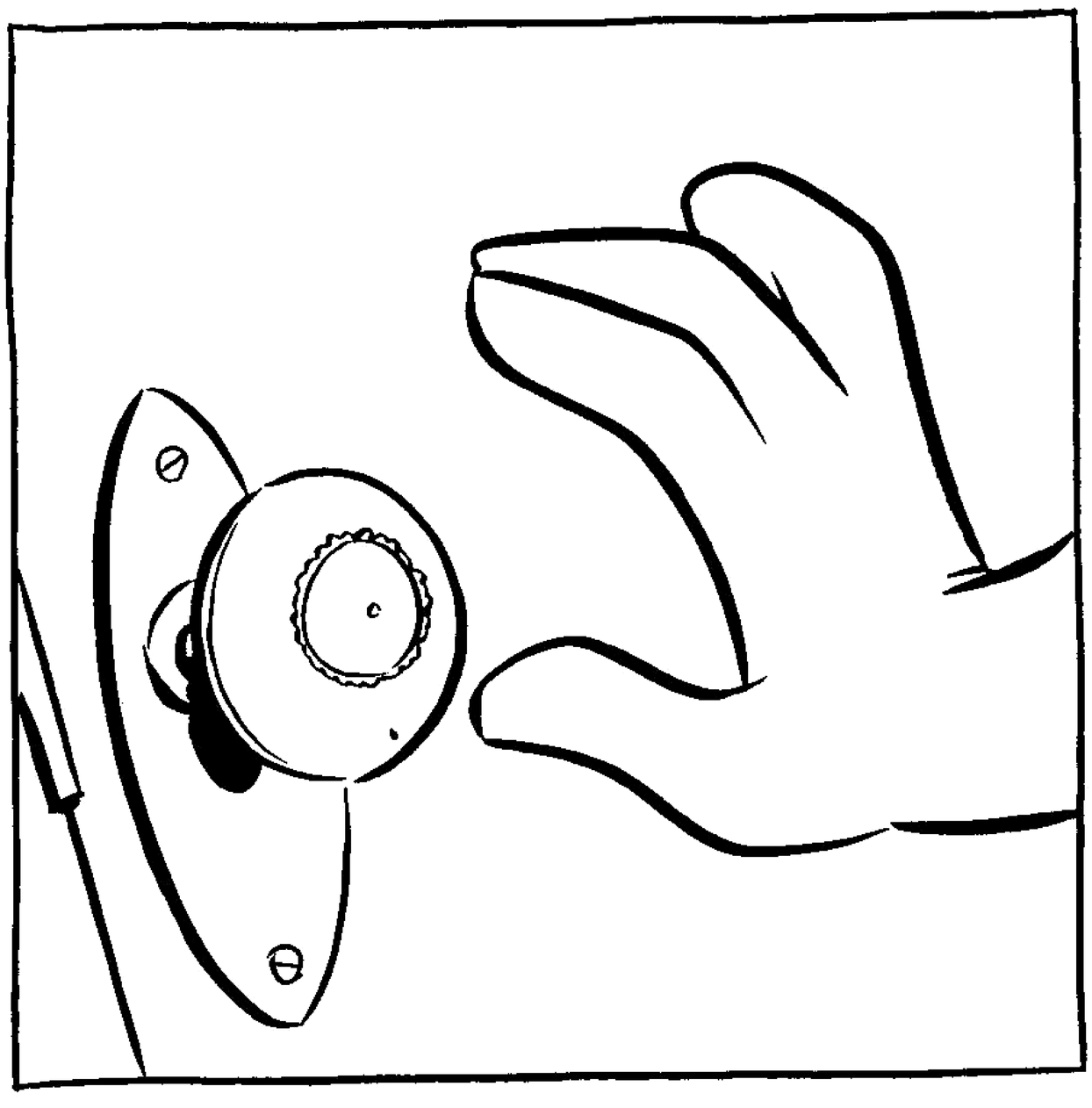
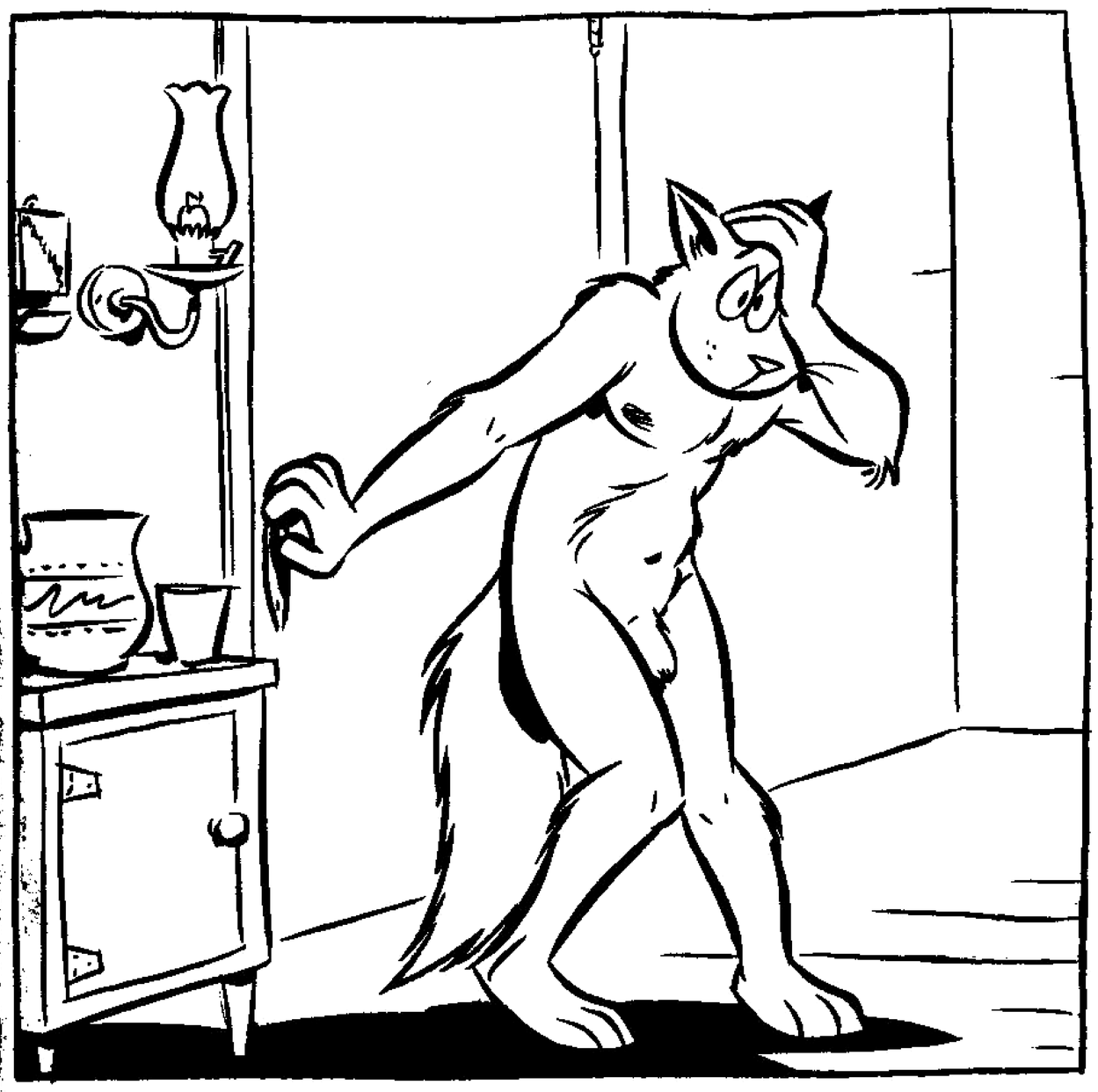
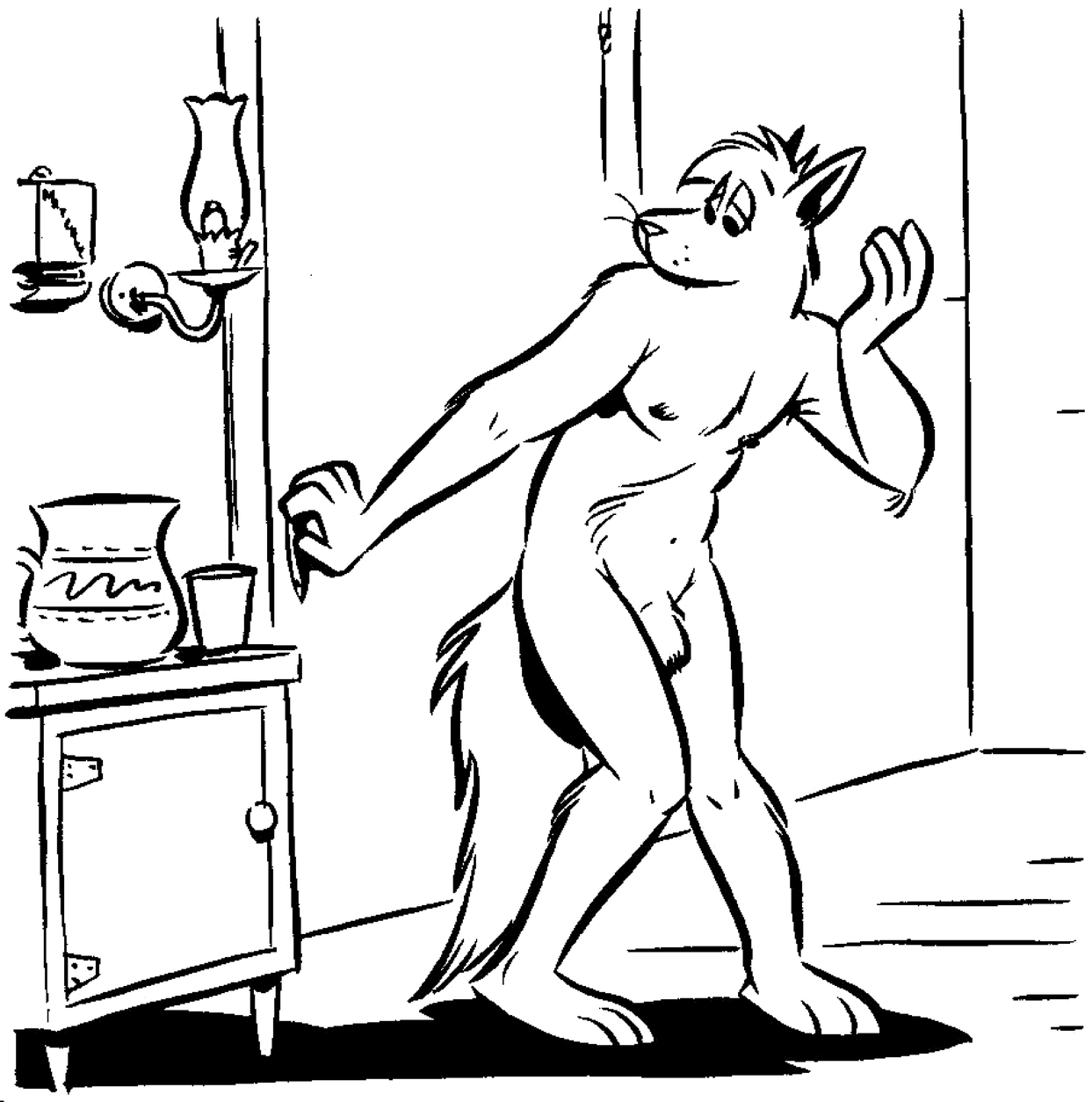
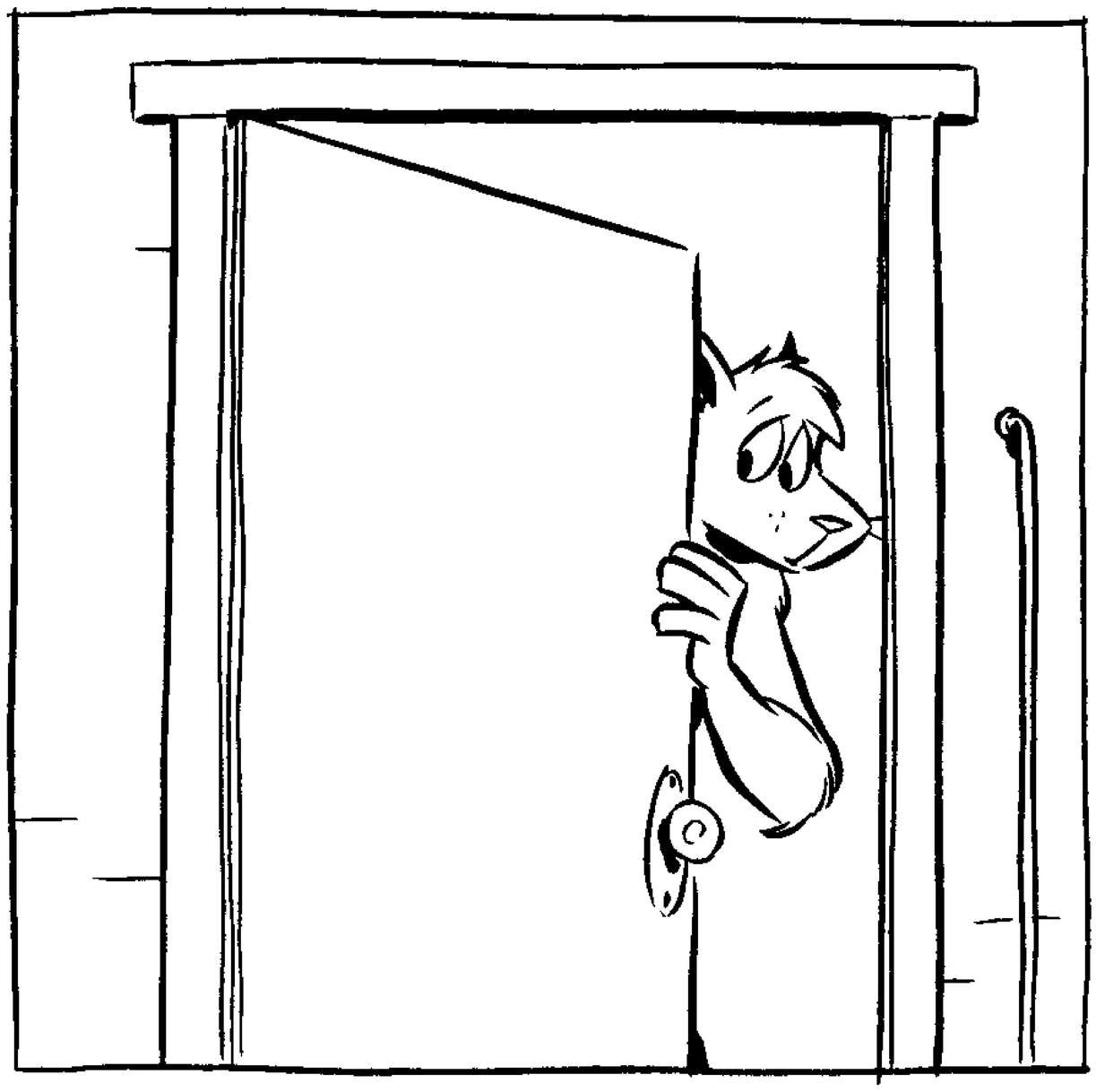


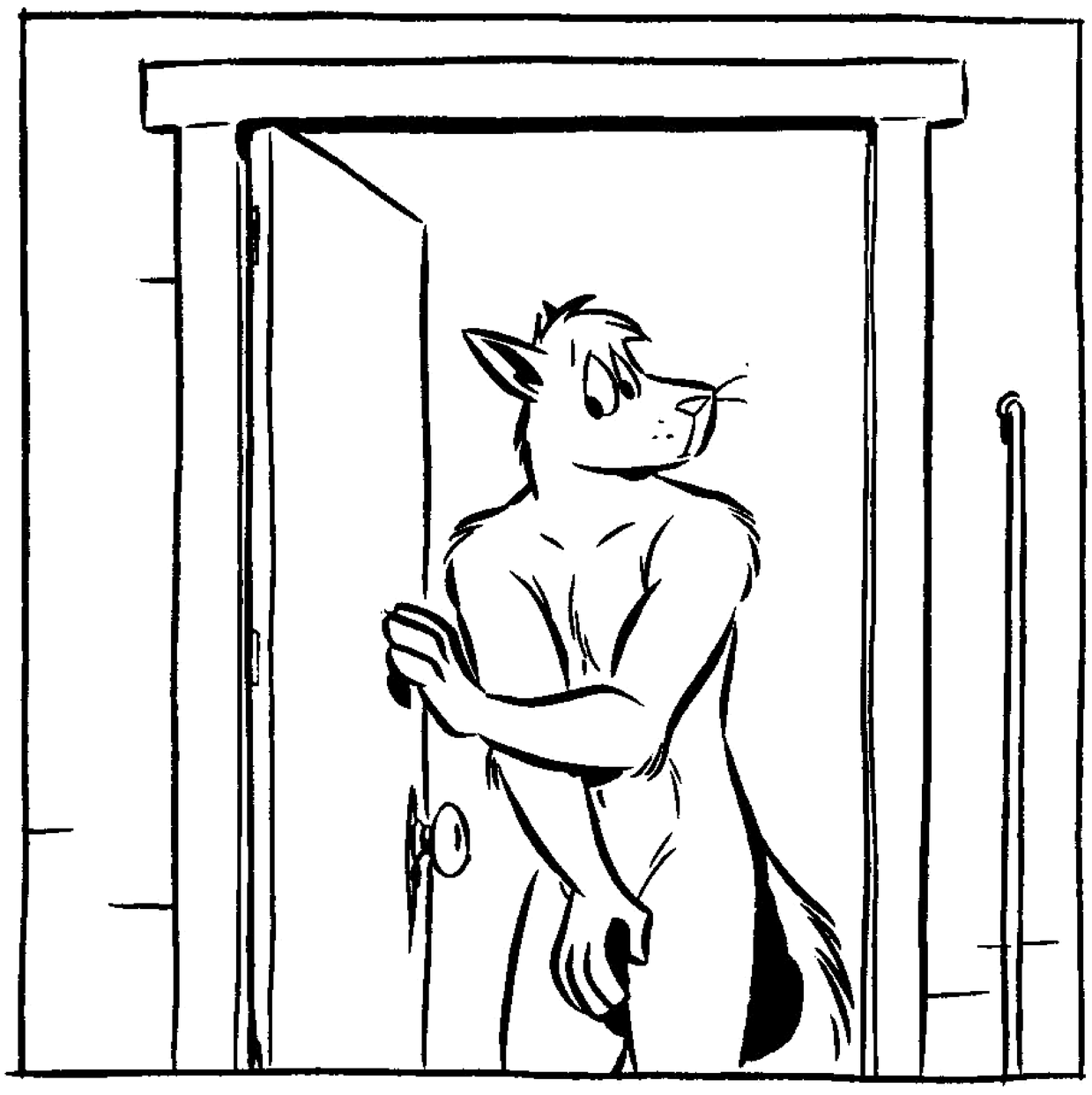












HELLO? ARE YOU IN THERE?

ARTHUR?

I'M COMIN'...I WAS JUST AROUND THE BACK...

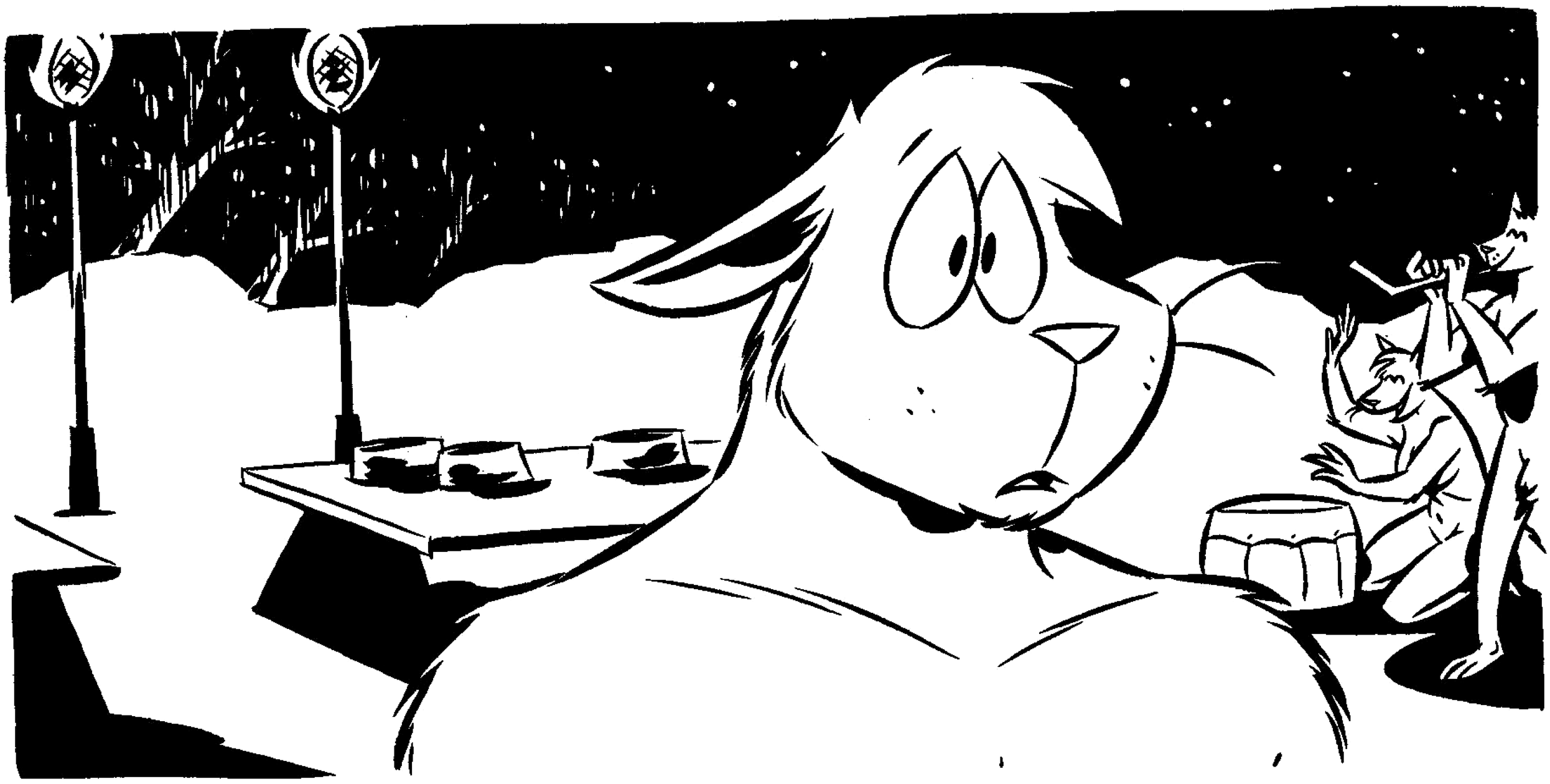
SUPPER'S WAITING. SO I SUGGEST YOU GET DRESSED AND READY...

I'M READY. AND I AM DRESSED!

DRESSED? YOU'RE NOT DRESSED... ...YOU'RE....

UH,HUH...

BROTHER....



AT LAST...

...YOU'RE WITH SAVAGES....

...WHERE YOU BELONG.

AAAAAAUGGH!!

ARTHUR...?!

ARTHUR!!!

ARTHUR! ARTHUR! WHERE ARE YOU?!

SNIFF UHHHHH HUHHHHHHHH SNIFF SNIFF

...TAKE ME H-HOME...

CAN YOU ARRANGE FOR A SHIP TO TAKE ME BACK TO EARTH TOMORROW AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE...?

YES.

GOOD.

DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN, I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO THINK...

..THE BOYS AT THE OFFICE WERE RIGHT....UNDER MY SUIT I'M JUST A SAVAGE ANUBIAN...THAT'S ALL I AM.

LORD, I'VE TRIED TO FIT IN! I'VE TRIED, I'VE REALLY TRIED! I MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY TO THINK THEY'D ACCEPT AN ANIMAL LIKE ME....

ONE THING, THOUGH... I'M GLAD NOBODY AT WORK SAW ME ACTING LIKE THAT... RUNNING AROUND NAKED... EATING LIKE A DOG...

...BUT **I'LL** KNOW... HOW CAN I POSSIBLY FACE THEM NOW? HOW?

..I WISH I WAS DEAD....

WOOF!
WOOF!
BOW, WOW!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WHY BE SKINNY?
ZOW COMICS
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOFITTY WOOF!
BOW, WOW!
WOOF!
WHO EVER HEARD OF A DOG READING COMIC BOOKS?!
C'MON! LET'S SEE YA BARK, FIDO!
YEAH! MY DAD SAID YOUR FAMILY AIN'T NUTHIN' BUT DOGS!
WOOF!
WOOF! WOOF!
HA, HA!

YOU GOT A **TAIL** LIKE A DOG!

OWWWWW!

OWW!!!

--AND LOOK AT THOSE **EARS**!

ONLY ANIMALS GO AROUND BAREFOOT!

AW, THEY DON'T MAKE SHOES FOR HIS STUPID FEET!

HEY! CUT IT OUT! STOPPIT!!

SHUT YOUR GODDAMN MUZZLE, DOG! MY OLD MAN SAYS DOGS CAN'T TALK!

--YOU MAKIN' A LIAR OUTTA MY OLD MAN?!

YOU **HEARD** HIM, GANG! HE CALLED MY POP A LIAR!

HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH **THAT**, THE DIRTY DOG!

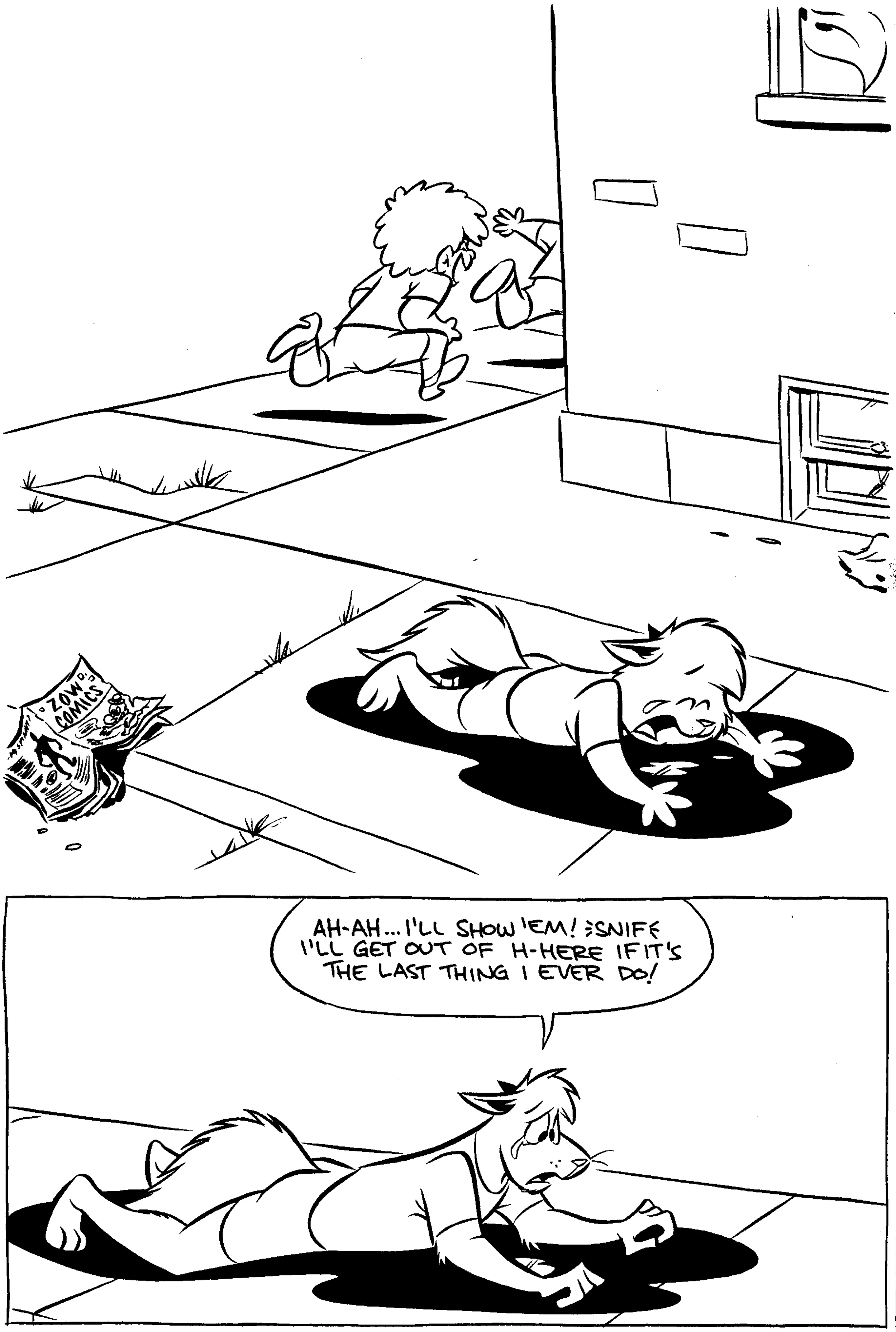
WOOF WOOF!

TAKE THAT, YA HAIRY **ANIMAL**!

YEAH!

HOW DO YOU LIKE **THAT**, DOG?!

WAHHHHHHHHHHH!!!


ZOW COMICS
AH-AH... I'LL SHOW 'EM! :SNIFF
I'LL GET OUT OF H-HERE IF IT'S
THE LAST THING I EVER DO!

PARDON ME...DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE?

WHA--YES! YES! OH, YES!

WELL, I CAN OFFER YOU A SOFT DESK JOB! THERE'S ONLY ONE CONDITION...

ANYTHING! NAME IT!

YOU HAVE TO LET US MAKE A HUMAN OUT OF YOU!

PLEASE! **DO IT!** MAKE A HUMAN OUT OF ME! I WANT TO BE A **HUMAN!**

THEN, YOU ACCEPT AND AGREE?

YES! OH, **GOD!** YES! TAKE ME **OUT** OF HERE!

VERY WELL, THEN... ...LET US BEGIN....

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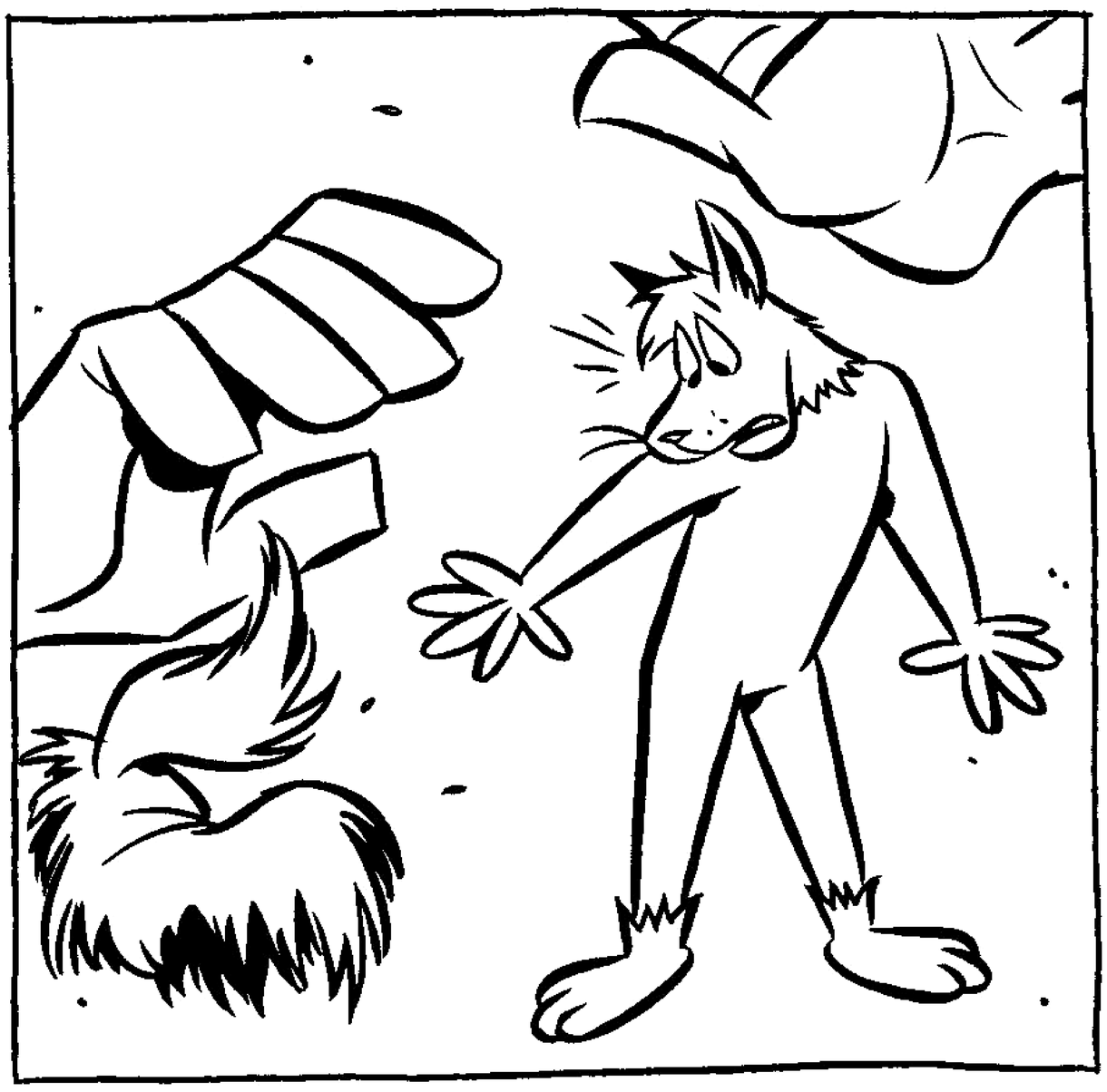
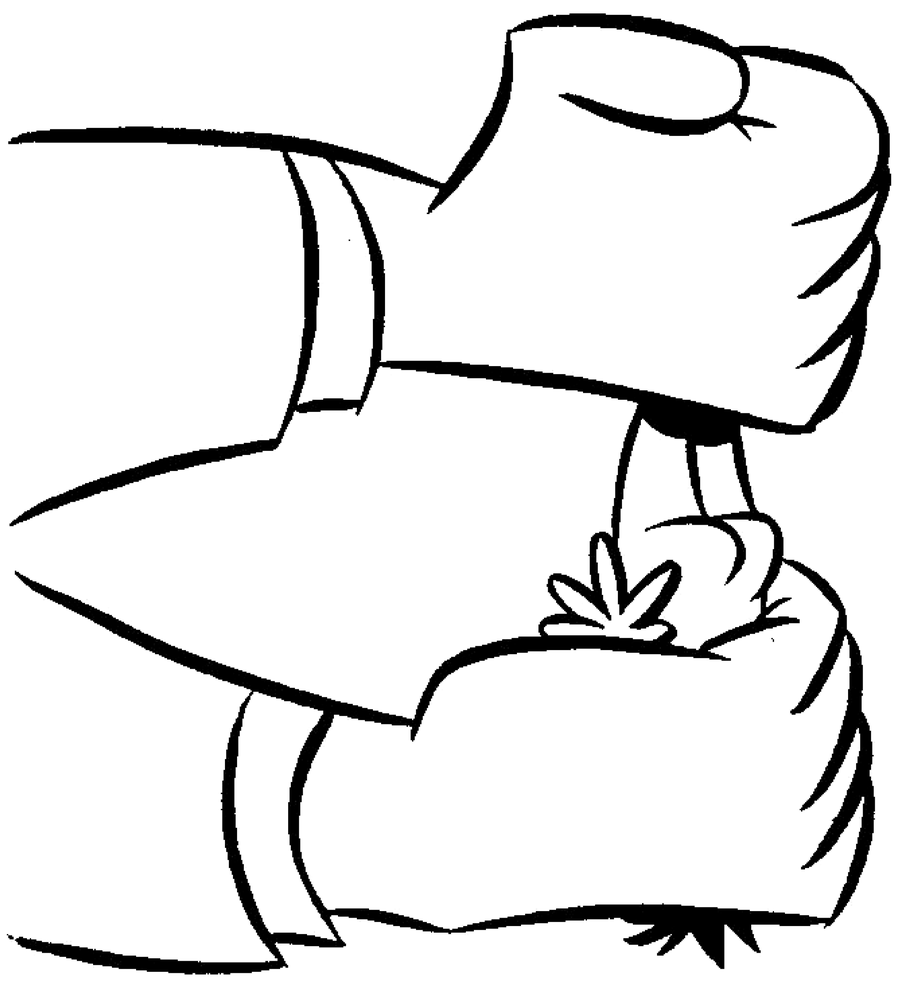
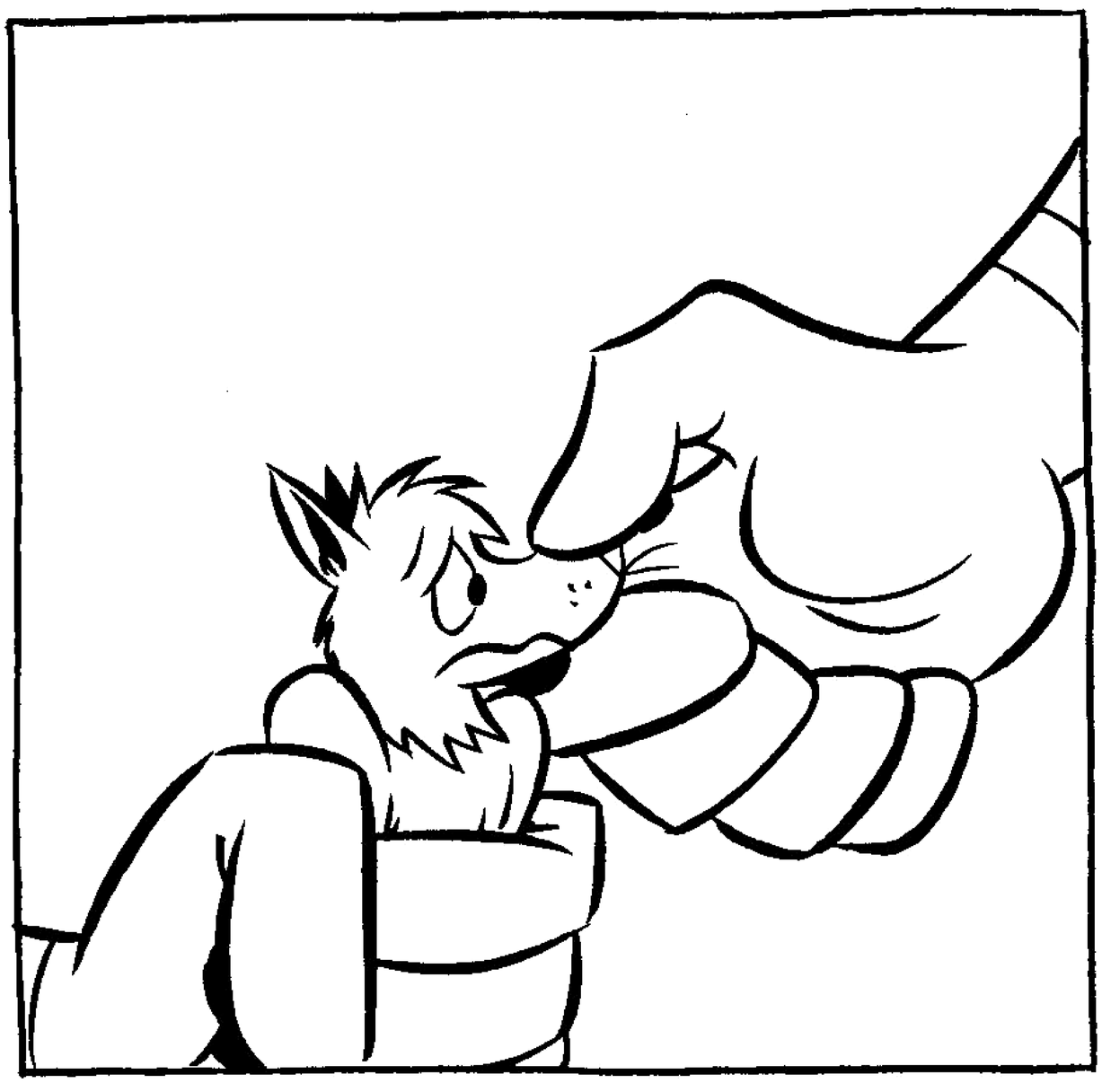






WELL....WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YIPE! I DON'T LIKE IT!

OF COURSE NOT! THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT DRESSED YET!

GORGEOUS, ISN'T IT? IT'S A "PENNY'S" ORIGINAL!

OF COURSE, IT'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE ONCE IT'S BROKEN IN...

SQUEAK!

...AND DON'T FORGET THE HAT!

NOW THEN...DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR DUTIES ARE?

UMMMMM... NO, CAN'T SAY AS I DO...

IT'S REAL EASY... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LEAN UP AGAINST THIS OFFICE BUILDING LIKE THIS, SEE? THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

OKAY, BOYS! I'M GIVING AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT LUNCH TO THE ONE WHO HITS THE DOG FIRST! WHADDAYA SAY?

GREAT!

SWELL!

FUCKIN' DOG! LET'S GO!

WOOF! WOOF!

WOOF!

WOOF! WOOF!

BOW, WOW!

HA, HA! EAT THIS, FIDO!

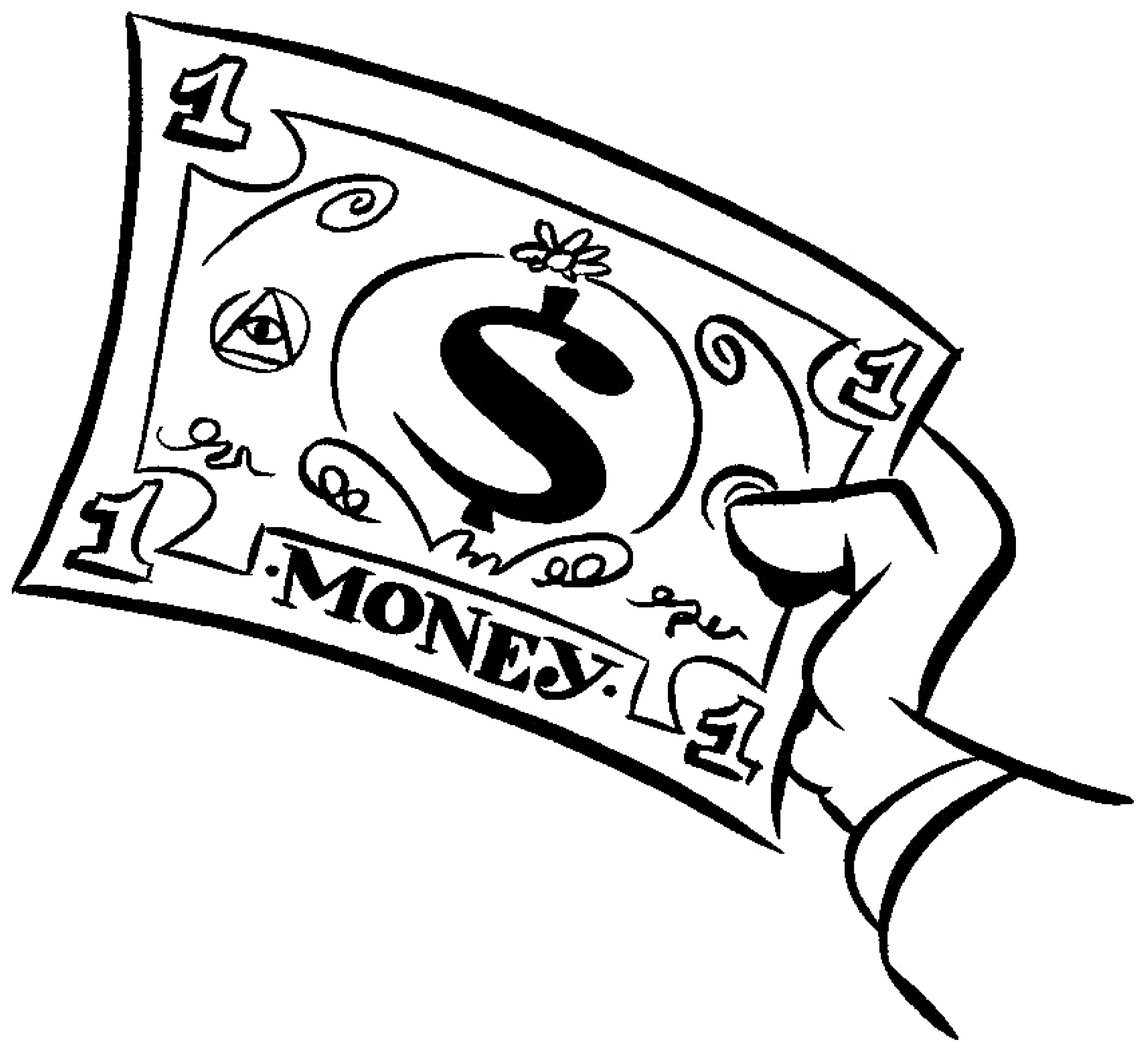
OWWWWCH!!!

HA,HA! NICE SHOT, DAVE.

...OOOOOOOO!

C'MON, GANG. LET'S GRAB US A FEW BEERS.

WHOOPS! I ALMOST FORGOT YOUR SALARY! HERE YOU GO, ROVER! FRESH FROM THE MINT! WOOF! HA,HA!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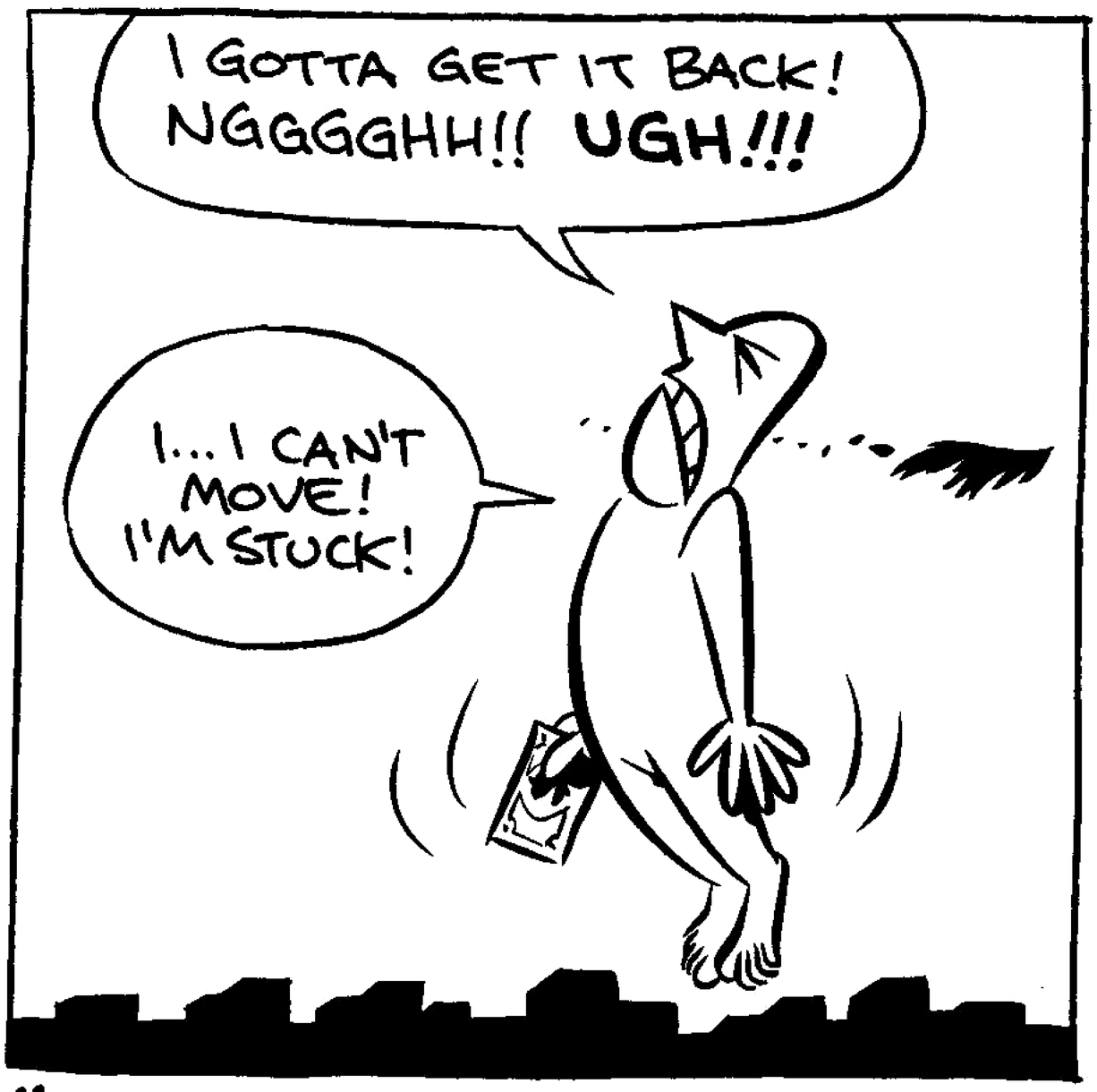
WHA---?

HEY!!
THAT WAS MY FUR THAT WENT BY!


I GOTTA GET IT BACK! NGGGGHH!! UGH!!!
I...I CAN'T MOVE! I'M STUCK!

I'M DOOMED....

..STUCK HERE WITH NOTHING BUT A DOLLAR... ...JUST ONE LOUSY...

...ONE LOUSY... ...BUCK...?!

WAIT!! IT'S THIS HORRID DOLLAR! THAT'S WHY I CAN'T MOVE!

UGH!

IT WORKED! I'M FREE!

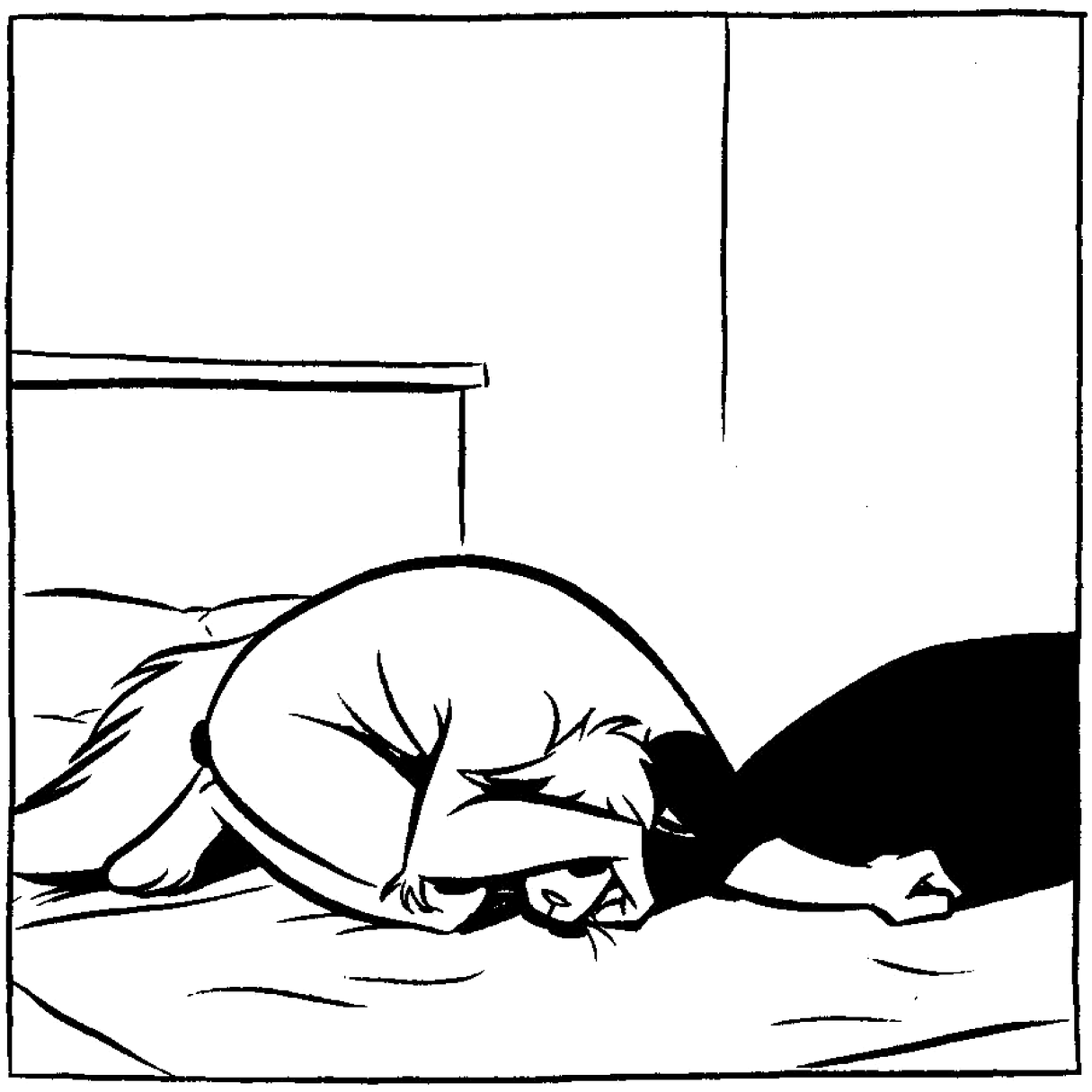
...BUT MY FUR....IT'S MOVING TOO FAST! I CAN'T CATCH UP TO IT!

I GOTTA TRY! I JUST GOTTA TRY!

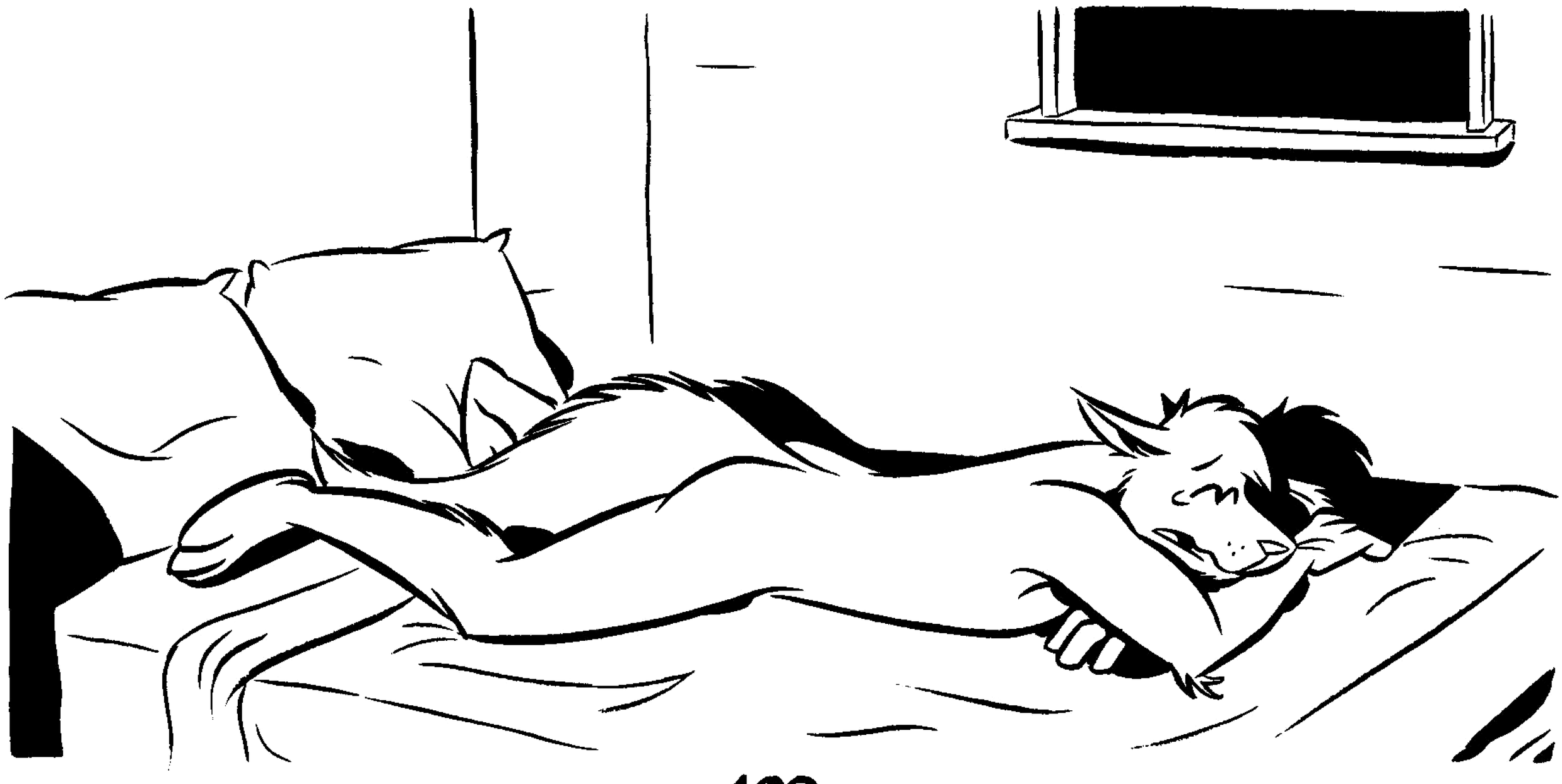
AAUGHH!!

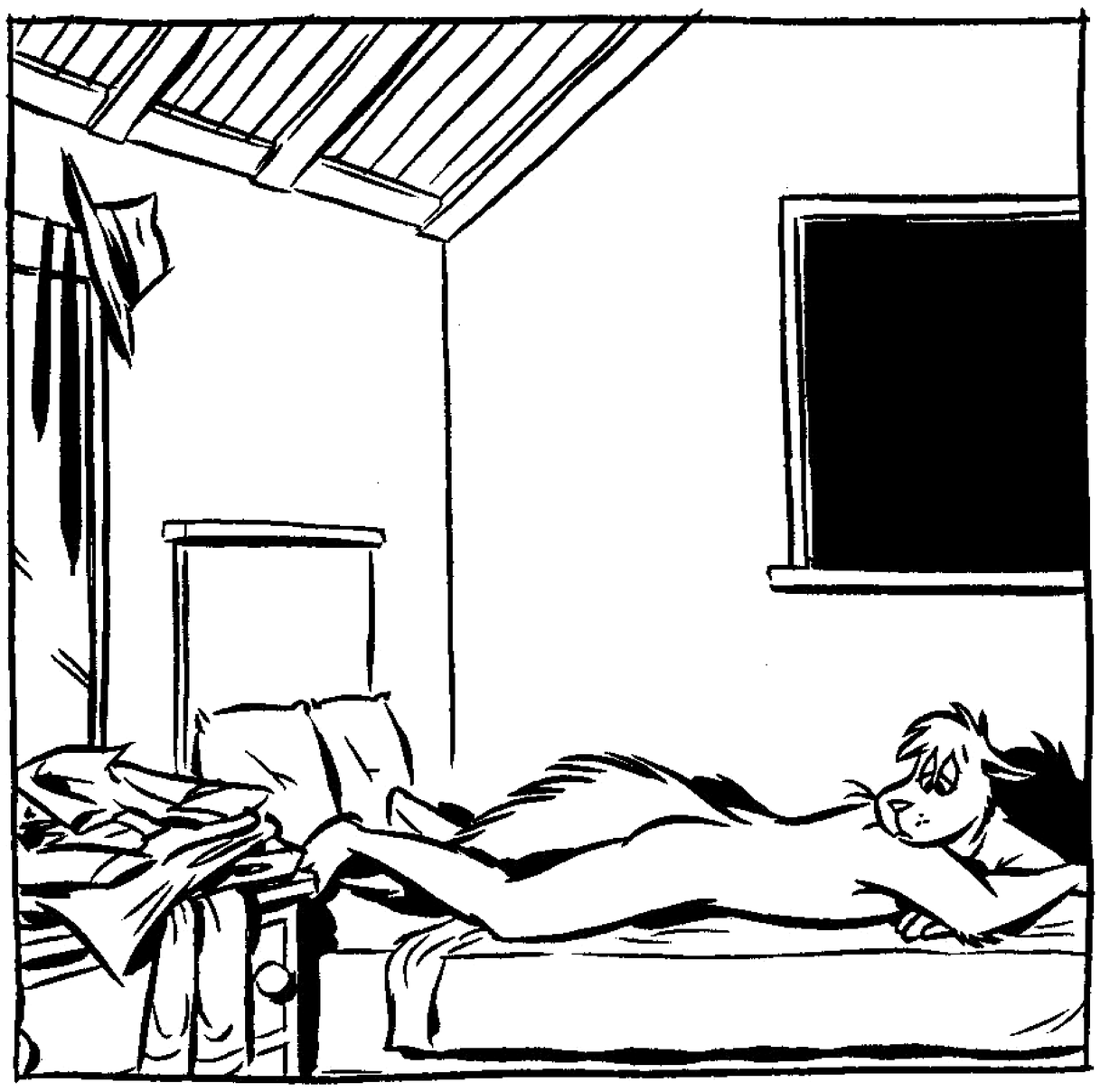
NO!

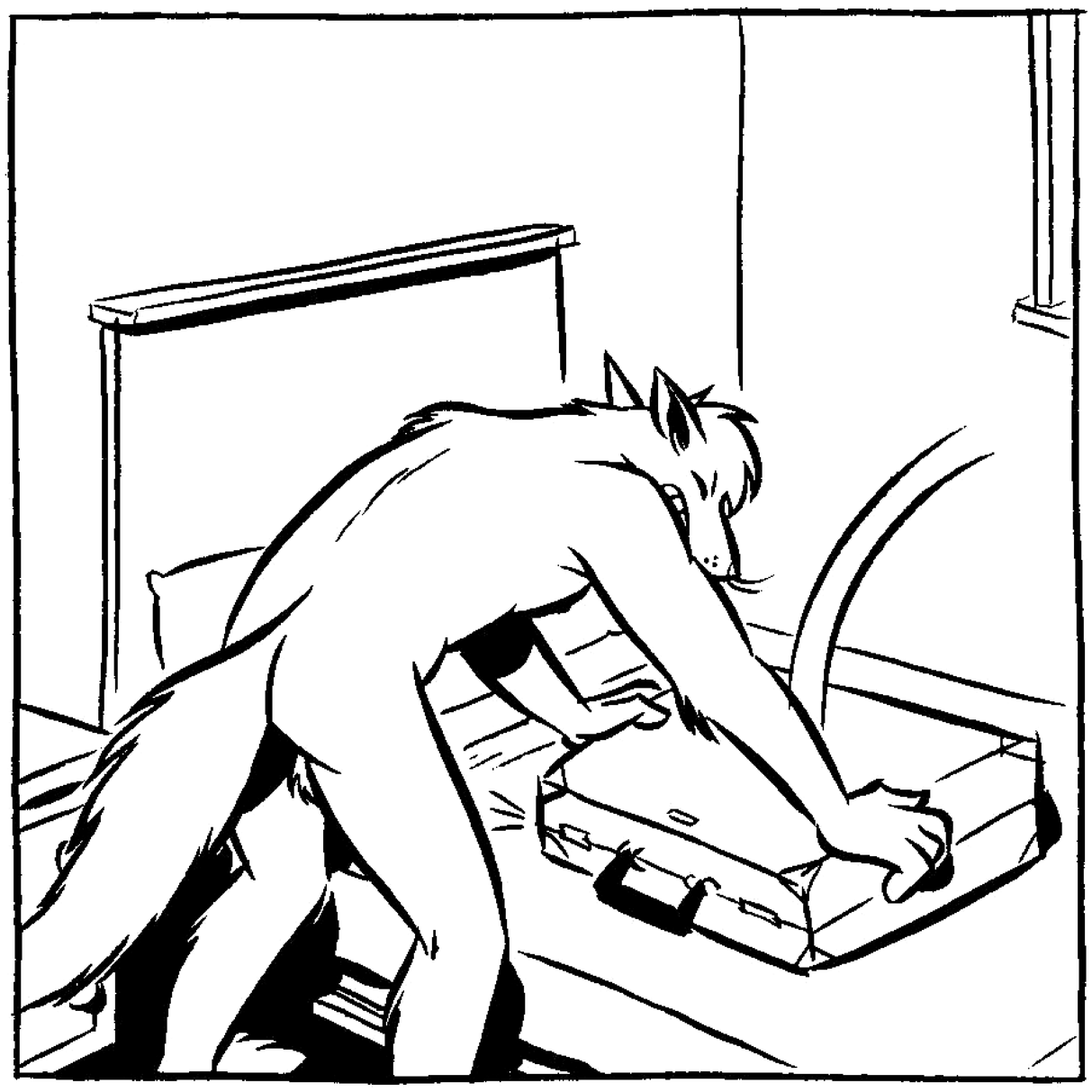
NO NO NO NO
NO NO NO NO
NO NO NO....



LORD, GIVE
ME STRENGTH.







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GET OUT OF MY LIFE, DAMN YOU!

GET OUT!

MAY YOU ALL ROT IN HELL, YOU HAIRLESS BASTARDS!

ALL THESE YEARS MAKIN' ME THINK I WAS THE ONE WITH SOMETHING WRONG!

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING, I WASN'T THE ONE WHO WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO MAKE SOMEBODY'S LIFE MISERABLE!

I WASN'T THE ONE WHO FOUND IT NECESSARY TO INFLICT CRUELTY UPON PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY COMMITTED THE SIN OF BEING DIFFERENT! WELL, DAMN YOU ALL!

DAMN YOU!!!

DAMN YOU ALL TO HELL!!!

DAMN YOU...

..DAMN....

...SO I MANANGED TO GET TERRA INVESTMENTS TO SEND A SHIP OUT. IT'LL BE ARRIVING VERY SHORTLY.

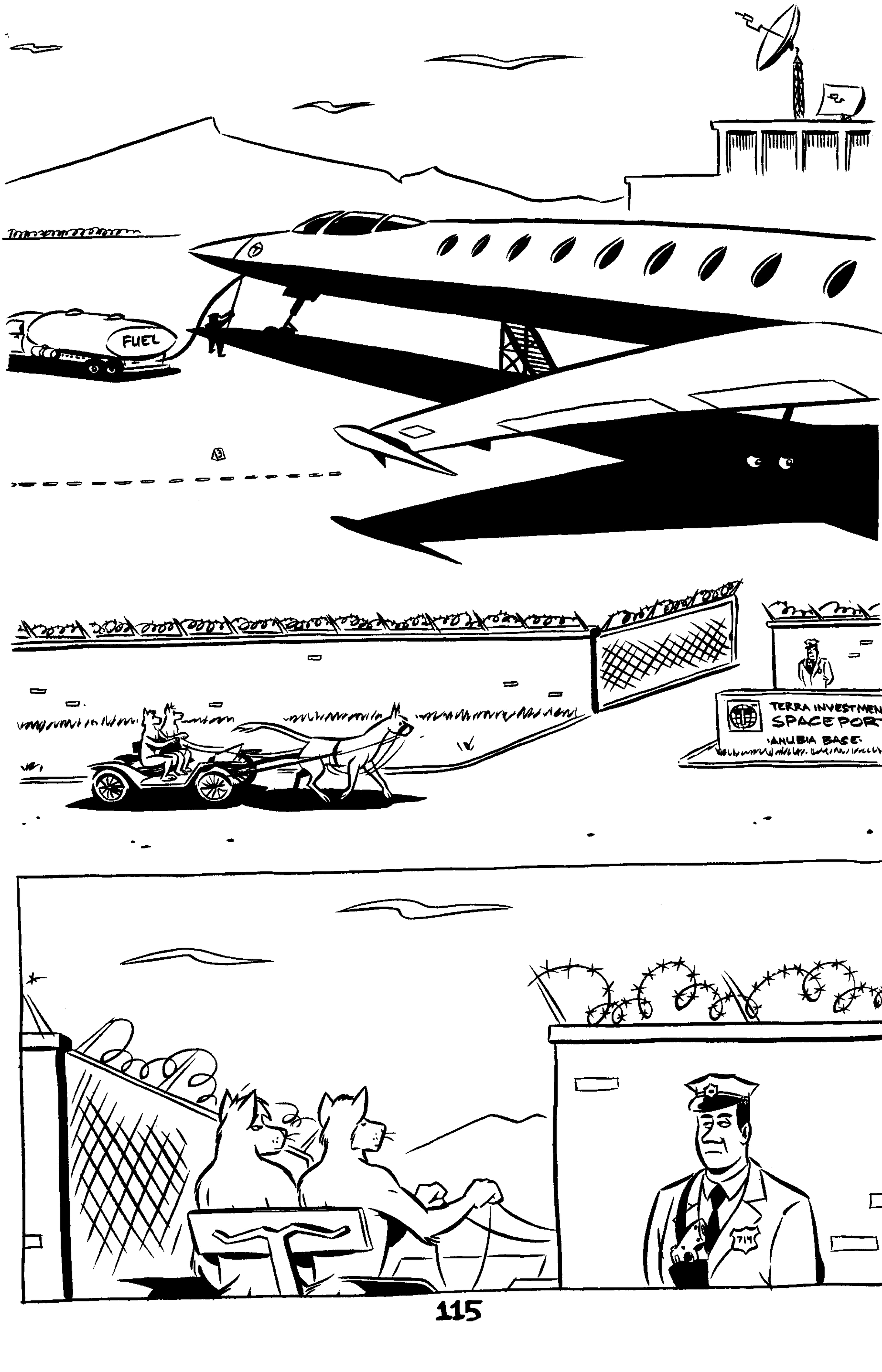
GOOD. I'M READY TO MEET THE SHIP.

-GOT YOUR CLOTHES?

IN HERE.

...CASE LOOKS A LITTLE BEAT-UP...

YEAH....I ACCIDENTALLY THREW IT OUT OF THE WINDOW. LET ME TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT....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-YOU KNOW SOMETHING, BLACKTOOTH? THERE ARE ACTUALLY A FEW PEOPLE THAT I'M GOING TO MISS....

-CHECK YOUR BAG, SIR?

YES! YES, THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT! MY BAG MUST ARRIVE SAFELY.

ALL ABOARRRD!
C'MON! LET'S GET MOVING!

DAMMIT! I WISH THEY'D HURRY UP AND UNLOAD THE SHIP! I GOTTA PICK-UP ROVER BOY AND GET BACK TO THE OFFICE! THIS IS COMING OUT OF MY LUNCH HOUR!

YOU THERE! **PORTER!** WHAT IN HELL'S THE DELAY? WHERE'S MR. FINE?

WHO?

LOADING ZONE ZEA

LOOK, MISTER, THERE WAS NOTHIN' ON BOARD THAT SHIP EXCEPT THE PILOT, THE NAVIGATOR, AND THIS SUITCASE.

WHAT?! ARE YOU TELLING ME I SENT A GODDAMN ROCKET ALL THE WAY TO ANUBIA JUST TO GET A **SUITCASE?!**

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYIN' TO TELL YA.

LET ME SEE THAT...

IS THIS SOME KIND OF A **JOKE?!** HIS **SUIT** CAME BACK WITHOUT HIM!

-THINK YOU'LL EVER GO BACK TO EARTH, MISTER FANG?

WELL, MAYBE SOMEDAY... ..I WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT. I'D NEVER GO BACK TO MY OLD JOB, THAT'S FOR SURE.

FOR NOW I'M JUST GONNA STAY HERE AND SORT SOME THINGS OUT IN MY MIND... ALL THESE YEARS I'VE BEEN LIVING OUT SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE. IT'S TIME TO START LIVING MY OWN!

IN ALL MY LIFE, I'VE NEVER ONCE ASKED MYSELF WHAT **I** WANTED TO BE. I WAS TOO BUSY TRYING TO BE WHAT I THOUGHT OTHERS THOUGHT I SHOULD BE.

ANY HOW, I THINK I'M JUST GONNA KICK BACK AWHILE.

IZZAT SO? WELL, DON'T GET TOO RELAXED....

HUH? WHY NOT?

'COS WE GOTTA FIND YOU A JOB. YOU AIN'T STAYIN' HERE ON HAND-OUTS, YOU KNOW!

I'M A PRETTY GOOD ACCOUNTANT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ACCOUNTANT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE...

THEN HOW 'BOUT AN OLIVE STUFFER?

OKAY, OKAY! YOU'RE AN ACCOUNTANT!

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